

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



The Light Load

It has probably happened to every one of us at one time or another.

A neighbor calls on the phone to ask if their child is playing at your house. You quickly call to your children and discover the child isn't with them. The neighbor becomes a bit panicky saying that they can't find him anywhere. You tell them you will be right over.

By the time you get there other neighbors have gathered at the child's home. Quickly adults and children fan across the neighborhood moving quickly and calling the boy's name. Those people searching with you are earnest in their efforts. They, like you, stopped whatever it was they were doing to pursue this important task. In only ten minutes the boy is found safe and sound with his dog at an empty playground. The boy's mother thanked everyone profusely; and everyone was glad to have been of help. The neighbors returned to their homes and back to what they had been doing earlier.

To follow Jesus is to be swift-footed in the pursuit of the lost – to be totally engaged in a rescue for real flesh-and-blood people for whom He died. To take on the yoke of Christ is to run with your heart pounding and your feet moving with quick purpose and your mind clear in the sense that there's nothing more important on your agenda than finding the lost and bringing them home to their heavenly Father.

We have so many opportunities here at Good Shepherd to fan out in all sorts of directions and ways to find the lost. I hope and pray that beginning again in September; you will be filled with the lightness and exhilaration of the eternal importance of what we do here together. May you also be filled with the incredible assurance that there really is nothing more important than sharing the truth and the love that Jesus offers the world through you and your support of our ministry here together!

Have a blessed and refreshing summer and enjoy your vacations and time with your family and friends!

Stewardship Report



Giving to God and Country

The Pharisees, who were trying to discredit and intimidate Jesus, asked Him a loaded

question about whether or not it was proper to pay taxes to Caesar. Responding to the Pharisees, Jesus said, *“You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap Me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax.”* After receiving the coin He said, *“Whose portrait is this? And whose inscription? Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”* (Matthew 22:18-21).

In His response, Jesus conveys to us our dual responsibilities to our country and to our God. We are to give to our country what belongs to our nation and give to God what belongs to Him.

What belongs to our country? What are our responsibilities to our country? Certainly, we are to support our nation with our words and deeds. If need be, we are to serve in the military. We are to pay our fair share

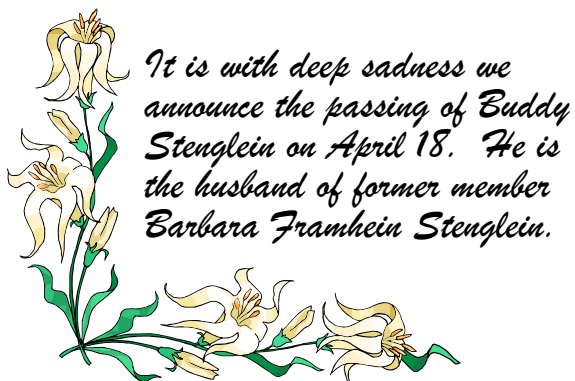
of the cost to run our country through our taxes. We need to be obedient to its laws.

What belongs to God? As Christians, we know that it all belongs to Him. Everyone and everything is His. Our first responsibility to God is to love Him above everything else. We are to serve and obey Him. We are to obey His commands, and we are to return a portion of our money to Him.

Unfortunately, it seems that our nation gets a better shake than our God does. Our nation threatens, and we obey. God commands our obedience, but we often ignore His commands. Our country forces us to pay our taxes, and so, by April 15 of each year, we submit our 1040 tax returns. God wants us to give generously to Him; however, we often neglect to give our offerings to our church. Because our offerings are voluntary, they can be seen to be less important than our taxes.

As Christians, our commitment to our Lord must be even stronger than to our country. God has a claim on our lives, and we need to respond to that claim by giving to and serving Him with our time, our abilities, and our money.

Pat Pryor
Stewardship Committee



We are also saddened to report the death of Ernest Hagan. Ernest was killed in an automobile accident in Newark on June 23.





The newly elected Administrative Board Members began their respective terms

at the June meeting. As was recently approved by the Congregation, the newly elected Board members will serve 1, 2 or 3 year terms so that only part of the Board will change with each election. Additionally, with one member leaving and one joining, the Board needed to reorganize. The Board members, their respective terms and their 2007-08 areas of responsibility are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>2007-08 Board Position</u>
Randi Rutan	2 years	Chair
Faith Caban	1 year	Vice Chair
Bob Hahl	2 years	Financial
Pat Pryor	3 years	Stewardship
AJ Ford	3 years	Resource
Bob Shipley	3 years	Personnel
Jamie Toth	1 year	Recording

All Board members were installed at the service on June 24, 2007.

Beginning in August, a brief synopsis of the prior month's meeting discussions, Board decisions and other pertinent information will be shared in this column.



At the end of this month, we will be heading to Orlando for Chosen, the National Youth

Gathering. We look forward to getting together with other kids from the NJ District the first afternoon at WonderWorks—an amusement park for the mind.

We're can't wait to see what Chosen has in store for us! We know it's going to be hot. We know we're going to get a new backpack. We know there will be great bands. We know we're going to be worshipping with 35,000 other LCMS teens. The unknown is what's really exciting! Will we find something to eat other than fast food? Will we have to stand in long lines everywhere we go? What will the speakers and worship leaders have to say? How will God touch each of us on this trip?

We'll be gone, July 27th–August 2nd. Please keep us in your prayers as we travel to and around Orlando. We can't wait to come back and tell you all about Chosen!

Alicia, Becky, Chrissy, Dan, Christian and Bobby





Women's Bible Study News

Submitted by Jill O'Connor

The Women's Bible Study has just finished another year together studying God's Word. The study group was able to complete three Bible Studies this year.

The first study was a Max Lucado book (one of our favorite authors) called *Traveling Light*. In this study we learned that we are all weary travelers carrying our spiritual loads, i.e., Fear, Worry, Discontent. As Max walked us through the 23rd Psalm, we found out we could release those burdens we were never intended to carry. I believe we all have a newer outlook on "leaving it at the Cross."

The next study we did was *The Power of a Praying Woman* by Stormie Omartian.

We all learned to trust in God moment by moment with the concerns of our hearts and discovered the awesome power that prayer releases in our lives. Finally, we finished up with (go ahead and guess), yes, it was another Max Lucado book (did I mention he is our favorite author?) *He Chose the Nails*. This powerful book shed much insight as we examined the cross, contemplated its purpose and celebrated its significance. Again Max walked us through the symbols surrounding Christ's crucifixion explained as only he can in his warm, caring style.

I believe if you asked any of the women who attend the Women's Bible Study, they would tell you it has been a wonderful year of growth in our faith, fellowship with each other and a more personal closeness to our God.

The Bible Study is taking a break over the summer, but we will be returning in September. We have been meeting on Wednesdays at 8:00 PM, but we have discussed moving to a new day and time. We will keep you posted in the bulletin as soon as we decide on our September Bible Study and the new day and time.

The Women's Bible Study would like to invite all women to join us in our Bible Study. We have a very diverse group who attend each week and they are a very lovely group to be around. Besides growing together in our faith walk, they have been a wonderful support to each other. If you are interested in attending the Bible Study or just want to ask questions, please feel free to contact me at (732) 547-7612.



I would like to say thank you to all who sent me cards, Amber for the delicious dinner (which could not come at a better time), and all who have kept me in their prayers during my recovery. It has been a long slow process,

but I am feeling stronger every day, and cannot wait to get back into the office again. I would also like to extend a HUGE "Thank You" to Paulette Hacker for taking such good care of the office while I was recovering. Knowing she was taking care of things in the office made it easier for me to relax and let the healing process take its time.

Your Servant in Christ
Marie



Women's Ministry Schedule of Events

By Amber Brown,
Coordinator of Christian Education

“Women of Faith” – September 14–15 – Tickets have been ordered! We are so excited to be going with a group of 30 women this year! Hotel arrangements are being made and you will be advised as to the costs for an overnight. If you missed out on the sign ups, see Amber ASAP as we may be able to add another ticket to the group. If you have not yet paid for your ticket, please see Amber.

“Fit Him In” – Good Shepherd’s Christian Aerobics class will recess for the summer as it is difficult to schedule classes with vacation plans and such. Keep working on your DVDs at home, though, and get that choreography down! We’re looking into some new DVDs for the Fall as well as Christian Pilates. See you in September!

July 27: “Crafters for Christ” – What projects do you want to do this month? Want to run a class? Also looking to start a scrapbooking club over the summer. Interested? See Amber Brown.

July 25–27: “Bridges Program” – The *Bridges Program* works in conjunction with Holmdel Community Church (HCC) to serve meals and bring clothing, bedding/blankets and toiletries to the homeless living in NYC. We’re going to give it

another try! Several attempts have been made to put this program together, but to no avail. However, we are officially scheduled with the program coordinator at Holmdel Community Church to deliver 100 bagged meals for their July run. We will be accepting sample toiletries (like the little samples you get from a hotel) to take to HCC for this program as well as clothing to be delivered and sorted on Wednesday, July 25. We will also meet at Good Shepherd on Thursday, July 26 at 7:30 PM to make bagged meals. These meals should include a sandwich (PB&J or cold cuts) as well as a piece of fruit, beverage, granola bar, etc. We also like to include a Bible verse or note in the bag... please see Amber for a sign up of items to bring and watch for details of dates and times. Additional information for the Bridges program can be found at www.holmdelucc.org/mission.html

“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!



Amandla Crossings Need Diapers

Submitted by Paulette Hacker, Chairman
Missions Committee

The mothers of Amandla Crossings are moms who were homeless. They are learning to become better moms, to manage their finances and are getting the skills they need to get a job. They are on a limited income and are in need of diapers, sizes 4–6 for their babies. Please deposit the diapers (partially used packages are welcome) in the playpen in the Fellowship Hall.

For Your Information



Happy Birthday to...

Jonathan Norberg	07/01
Haley Flynn Stead	07/01
Matthew Arnold	07/02
Lori Hahl	07/02
Kevin Hullings	07/02
Juliann Gryszka	07/02
Joseph Ouge	07/03
Jon Sereda	07/03
Tom Cunningham	07/03
Amy Scheffler	07/04
Tyler Waite	07/04
Don Cole	07/04
Victoria Arnold	07/05
Carol Cunningham	07/06
Kevin Hullings	07/06
Mitchell Parker	07/06
Frank Tietchen	07/07
Catherine Dlugosz	07/07
Sarah Qualman	07/07
Jeffrey Kotora	07/08
Dominique Gouamba	07/08
Michael Palomba	07/08
Robert Scarpa	07/08
Brian Conway	07/09
Christina Conover	07/09
Eamonn Brace	07/10
Michael Gregoire	07/11
Michelle Magazzu	07/11
Sean Hullings	07/11
Clinton Lisk	07/11
Kerrie Totten	07/11
Christine Bleistein	07/11
Pat Prudente	07/12
Scott Raba	07/13
Anthony Evegán	07/15
Meagen Siegler	07/15
Dorothy Parisi	07/15

Audrey Durando	07/16
Kristine Anemone	07/16
Nelson Junco	07/16
Catherine Titta	07/17
Kathy Seese	07/18
Maria Chornobroff	07/19
Clement Durando	07/20
Adam Guzman	07/20
Dennis Scanlon	07/20
Brian Burniston	07/20
Michelle Schmitz	07/21
Victoria Artache	07/23
Daniel LoDrago	07/23
Trevor van Riemsdyk	07/24
Patrick Habinowski	07/24
Corinne Hughes	07/24
Wayne Krawiec	07/26
Anthony Puricelli	07/27
Michael J Titta	07/27
Michael Cistone	07/27
Adrianna Salzer	07/27
Barbara Ebersole	07/28
Shannon Sabino	07/28
Dominick Pate	07/28
Danielle Matthews	07/29
Kenneth Dolinick	07/29
Lani Hoever	07/29
Alyssa Dlugosz	07/30
Jim Butterwick	07/31
Eileen Sabino (Loughman)	07/31
Taylor Flynn Stead	07/31
Erin Flynn Stead	07/31

Happy Anniversary to.....

Dean & Marilyn Olson	07/01
Danielle & Lionel Matthews	07/03
Janet & Stephen Schuster	07/03
Barbara & Joe DiMaggio	07/09
Don & Beth Van Handel	07/14
Chris & Rose Parker	07/20
Julio & Mary Artache	07/21
Eric & Brigitte Meitzner	07/26

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Those Recovering

Bill Ahrberg
Marie Bergfeldt
Laurie Burke
Les Ebersole
Rob Maggazu
Gunhild Nelson –mother of Carol Hahl
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
Laurie Burke
Kathy Hogan
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
Patch Rose – brother-in-law of Dave and Marie Bergfeldt
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
John & Annette Kope –brother and sister-in-law of Maryellen Boggia
Patrick Galvin –son-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'

And our Missionaries :

Rev. Chuck and Jeanette Groth in Cambodia
LINC – NJ

1st Annual Congregational Garage Sale A Huge Success!

Things were certainly hopping here at Good Shepherd on Saturday, June 9. There was a constant stream of cars coming from all over.

First, I want to thank those responsible for our great success! **Bill Sardone** did a wonderful job of advertising in all the local newspapers and on the local cable channel. **AJ Ford** produced beautiful flyers which were hung everywhere. Thanks also goes to those behind the scenes at the planning meetings, **Tony Hansen**, and **Maureen Puricelli** of the Building and Ground Committee, **Kathy Hogan** of Family Life and Fellowship, and **Alexis Dill** of the Mission Committee and also to our Sexton **Frank Lylo** for getting all the tables out of the shed.

On the day of the sale, helpers **Dave and Alexis Dill**, **Bill Sardone**, **Paul, Cathy and Christiana Jordon**, and **Tony Hansen**, went right to work, setting up tables, starting the coffee and setting up the delicious goodies provided by our members **Rebecca Marcinczyk**, **Audrey Durando**, **Dani Sloan**, **Maureen Puricelli**, **Joanne Jocus**, **Mardell Bonfiglio**, **Laurie Burke**, **Janet Stacy**, **Maryann Turk**, and **Amber Brown**. We would also like to thank **Jung Kim** for his generous donation of 8 bags of ice.



Here our vendors set up and are ready for the day.

A big “Thank You” goes to all who donated their used clothing, toys and assorted “treasures”. These “goodies” helped us raise approximately \$700!



We had 24 tables sold to our parishioners and local vendors and all seemed to have an excellent day.



Police Officer Joseph Fink of the Old Bridge Police Auxiliary was here to recruit volunteers for their program. He told us he had more inquiries during this 1 day than in the past 6 months.

We were also able to sell Ernest's mattresses and furniture that had been in the shed for a couple of years and ALL of the computers that had been taking up so much space.



Here are some of our vendors and the rush of traffic.



Pastor Qualman stops to shop ... maybe something for Lisa?



*There are many goodies available sold by our busy helper **Christiana Jordon**.*

At the end of a long and busy day, our stalwart helpers who stayed all day **Paul, Cathy, and Christiana Jordon, Bill Sardone, and Alma and Bethanne Meyer** helped to clean up.




Our Garage Sale Committee (Paulette Hacker, Alexis Dill, and Bill Sardone) share a moment with Pastor Qualman.

Sandy Shipley took all of the clothing that was left and donated it to "Family Resource Associates, Inc." which raises money to service young disabled children.

Thanks to all of everyone's efforts we raised ... **\$912.30 PLUS** an additional **\$375.00** from Thrivent ... making a grand total of **\$1,287.30!**

Submitted by
Paulette Hacker, Chairman

From the 
**Sunday School
Superintendent**

Sunday School Thank You

We have been blessed with wonderful individuals that have served as teachers and assistants and want to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the service they have offered throughout the year. These talented individuals, as volunteers, have dedicated each Sunday morning bringing God's word to our children.

As with every year, changes occur. Stephanie Pate (2nd Grade), Colleen Domis (3rd Grade), Lisa Gergasko (Teen Bible Study) and Jill O'Connor (Teen Bible Study) will not be returning in September. In addition, Abby Eaton (4th Grade) will be taking a different tack with our children – providing special stewardship sessions to each of the classes.

Lorraine Morrison is stepping down as the Sunday School superintendent and will be handing that position over to Laurie Burke. Lorraine will continue to be involved as the assistant superintendent.

Working with children is a rewarding experience, especially when sharing Christ's word, and many of us have found that we learn as much from the children as they do from us. We ask that you pray and consider a position as a teacher or assistant in Sunday School. Feel free to contact Amber Brown, Pastor Qualman, Lorraine Morrison or Laurie Burke for more information.



One of the best parts of bowling is the Bowling Banquet. Its filled with good food and even better fellowship followed by recognition and trophies. Though they are too many to name—congratulations to all who were recognized for bowling over their averages, having 200+ games, or 500 or 600 series.

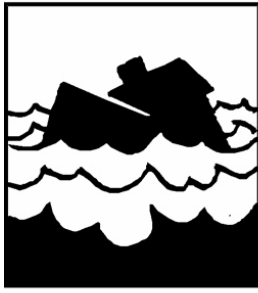
Special congratulations to the most improved bowlers this year—Tom Rutan (12.93) and Marie Bergfeldt (9.72). High average was held by Wayne Krawiec (196) and Carol Hahl (164).

FROM THE ALLEYS

Submitted by Laurie Burke

High series went to Don Cousens (726 – trophy and county) and Mary Artache (571 – trophy) and Carol Hahl (574 - county). The high game awards went to Rob Maggazu (279) and Brigitte Meitzner (203 - trophy) and Carol Hahl (222 - county).

Another season is in the record books! If you want to be part of the fun and fellowship, just talk to one of the league officers—Laurie Burke, Carol Hahl or Bob or Sandy Shipley. Bowlers enjoy your summer break—see you in September—at the Alleys.



Katrina Relief *You DID Help!*

We have received many thank-you notes from our friends at Atonement Lutheran Church in Louisiana for our assistance during Christmas and Lent and wanted to share them with you:



“I would like to thank you for your generous gift, thoughts and prayers. Since my family has completed 95% of repairs, I have passed the gift to another person who was more in need than myself. While we still have a small amount to complete, we are working on the rest of the repairs ourselves and have received money from our insurance company to pay for the work.

Ms. Carole Byrne is a widow and currently is the secretary at Grace Lutheran Church in New Orleans. I went through confirmation with her daughter and know this will meet her needs. Since Grace also received damage, Ms. Carole currently is working as much as she did before the storm. She also did not have flood insurance when her house had 4 feet of water due to a levee break in the Lakeview area.

Thank you again,
Angele Young and family”

“Dear members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your very generous gift of a \$25.00 gift card to Wal-Mart.

This gift came to me through Angele Young, and is very much appreciated. It *is* a blessing and will be put to good use.

Thank you for caring. God bless you all.
Carole Byrne”

“You’re the kind of friend God sends to remind us His love is everywhere! Thanks for being so thoughtful. Thank you for the Wal-Mart Gift Card.

God Bless, Bill and Judy Adragua”

“Dear Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

We would like to thank you for the wonderful gift card. Even though the 2 year anniversary of Katrina is approaching, we are still doing last minute repairs to our home. We used the card to help us with those repairs. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

God’s Blessings!
The Stricklands
Atonement Lutheran Church”

“Thank you so much for the gift card from the Home Depot. We will use it to add flowers and plants to the garden in front of our house.

Again, thank you so much.

Stephanie, Michael,
Maggie and Katie Mattio”

“Thank you so much for the Wal-Mart gift card. It is so nice that you still think of us after the length of time since Hurricane Katrina. John and I are doing well. The girls are still struggling with their new jobs but are thankful that they have one.

Both Stephanie and Shawn received gift cards from Home Depot and were quite happy and surprised to receive them.

Thank you so much.
John & Julia Heine”

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Summer Hours

July 1 – September 2, 2007

9:00 AM

Sunday School starts September 9, 9:15 AM

Adult Bible Classes – 9:30 AM

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2nd and 4th Sunday - 6:00 – 8:00 PM

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God's love at work here!