

The Family of God Together January 6, 2008

GOOD MORNING! We thank God for this time together! We pray that the grace of God will heal your hurts; that the strength of God will give you courage to face the work before you; that the power of God will prepare your way; and that the peace of God will keep you secure and steady in Christ Jesus.

IF YOU ARE A VISITOR with us we extend a warm welcome to you and invite you to worship with us again next week and participate in our church life outlined in our monthly newsletter, The Staff, which can be found in the Narthex on the table. Please take the time to fill out a Visitor form. Please ask the Usher for one, and place the completed form in the offering plate. After passing through the greeting line, please honor us by signing the visitor's book.

Book Club - postponed till Tuesday 3/11/08 @ 7:30 PM

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Gus Meyer on his birthday given by his wife, Alma.

PRINCESS RETREAT 2008: The retreat will be March 29th & 30th. The cost is \$64.00 per person (includes meals, material, etc.) Please see Amber if you have any questions. The sign-up sheet is on the Christian Education Board.

MARKET DAY: Paper order forms are due on the 8th, internet orders due on the 14th. Pick up day is January 19th from 8:30 – 9:30 am.

BUSY BAGS FOR LITTLE HANDS: Bags are available for young children to keep them busy during the service. Please return all items and bags at the end of the service.

“BROTHER’S KEEPER”: In the past, we have run numerous charitable events to help our neighbors in need. We are starting a fund to help people in our church family who are having financial difficulties. It will be a free-will offering, either cash, or check made payable to “Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd” or food gift certificates. The funds will go to Pastor Qualman’s discretionary fund and he will dispense them to those in our Church family who are in need. Please put your contributions in the white basket in the Narthex.

BIBLE STUDY: Teen bible study will be in the youth room, run by Amber Brown. Adult Bible Study will begin on January 13th. “Controlling Your Money” instructor is Eileen Sabino-Loughman.

LUNCHEON: In honor of Vicar Ben Mallepalle will be held on Sunday, January 20th, 2008 immediately following the 10:30 service. Ben is “volunteering” his services here at Good Shepherd. God has truly blessed us with Ben, and we would like to express our thanks to him by hosting a luncheon for him. Please take time out to Thank Ben for his dedication and love for the Lord.

IN OUR PRAYERS: we remember: **those recovering:** Rose Sydor, Gunhild Nelson, Les Ebersole, Lyman Laub; **those in nursing homes:** Emmy Moore, Leela Mallepalle; **those who are shut-in:** Josie Schubert, Irene Inneo, Marion Morgans; **those in treatment or struggling with cancer:** Dorothy Palmer, Mino DeMaglie, Laurie Burke, Anthony, Kathy Hogan, Jean Tjornhom, Kyle Pelligrino, Gary Kellogg, Laurie Troutman, Mary Morrison, James Murphy,

Michelle Conway, Fred Connin, Ingrid Russel, Ruth Cousens, Peggy DeMarco, Marie Giacomini, Joseph Spinelli, Debbie Pryor, Ed Borkowski, Kathy Hill, Dan Grauer, Bob Mauland; **those with other needs:** Gloria Carias, Evelyn Kotora, Ruth Gunderson, Ray Monel, Jake Johnson, Christine Olewine, Gregory Pryor, Vincent Siclari Jr, Jan Burkett, Terry Hayes, Eric Brown, Dylan Brown, Marilyn Evenga, Margaret Wrigley, Trudy Conway; **those in the military:** James McCabe, Marc Artache, Robert Bracero, Chris Hill, Brian Farrell, Jon Griswold, Chris O'Shea, Matthew Munoz, Dustin Brown, Fabian Lopez, Jeff Borkowski, Guy Kotora, Jeff Kotora, Joseph Puoplo, John and Annette Kope, Patrick Galvin, Rob Farrell, Darrin Brown, Brian Borkowski, and Ashley Welsh; **and our missionaries:** Rev. Chuck and Jeanette Groth in Cambodia, and LINC, NJ.

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP: Check out our website: youth.lc-goodshepherd.info to get up to date info about our events, and see pictures of what we've been up to so far! **EVERYONE** in grades 9-12 is welcome!

Mission HIMPossible is the theme for the 2008 NJ District Winter Youth Gathering. All 7th – 12th graders are welcome! The Gathering is January 25 - 27 at Camp Lebanon and the cost is \$99.00. This includes everything - food, t-shirt, entertainment, Bible study, fun, fellowship and a bed to sleep in! Sign up at the kitchen counter. All money is due no later than Sunday, December 23rd. Contact Alicia with any questions: sr.lyf.good.shep@gmail.com or 908-624-9153.

JANUARY PRAYER PETITION: "Dear Lord, As Jesus the Light of the world came to disperse the darkness, let us not be afraid to share His light with all those we meet. Amen."

Special Prayer Request from the Johnson's: JAKE GOES FOR SURGERY -- On January 11th, 2008 at Boston Children's Hospital, Jake will be operated on to change his two-chambered heart into a four-chambered heart. This is a very delicate heart operation and Georgeann and I will be with our son Dave, his wife JoEllen and our grand-daughter Josie Ann as Jake undergoes this operation. Please, as you have in the past, offer up to our Lord your prayers for the surgeons and for Jake. We will keep you informed as best we can. During the operation they will also move his aorta to the other side of his heart for better circulation. He will be the first to have this operation with his other complication of no spleen. The Lord has always held Jake in His arms and we pray that He will continue to hold him and grant him a successful surgery and recovery. Thank you in advance for your prayers and your continued concern – Johnson Family. A care page has been started for Jake. You can visit Jake's CaringBridge to keep track of his progress. The web site is: www.caringbridge.org/visit/jakejohnson.

ALTAR GUILD & FLOWERS: NO flowers will be ordered unless paid for in advance. Please go to the Altar Guild room to pick them up **after** the late service. If you wish to make a donation to cover the cost of altar flowers, OR If you wish to join the Altar guild, please see Alma. **No experience necessary.**

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Pastor		Rev. William A. Qualman
Vicar		Ben Mallepalle
Deacons	(8:00 AM)	T. Hansen, S. Hansen
	(10:30 AM)	J. Previte, E. Siclari
Greeters		Gayle, Paige & Carly Ferreira
Organist		Mary J. Zeffiro
Music	(10:30 AM)	Joshua's Trumpet
Ushers	(8:00 AM)	
	(10:30 AM)	J. Artache, T & G O'Connor, B. Meitzner, D Landgraf
Acolytes	(8:00 AM)	Chris Bowen, Emily Jocus
	(10:30 AM)	Stephanie Olson, Drew Larkin
Altar Guild		L. Burke, K. Larkin, L. Pudwell, A. Medina
Bulletin Folder		Donna Dooley
Counters		D. Olson, M. Bongiflio, J. Gibson

Weekly Budget/Expenses Amount:	\$ 7,450.00
Contributions received: 12/31/07:	\$ 7,470.00
Current Checking Account Balance:	\$ 43,602.17



Stewardship Corner: Twice in Psalm 24, the gates are commanded to lift up their heads. Why? So that the King of Glory may come in. During this Advent Season, we are reminded of just who it was who came to Earth, born of a woman in a lowly stable. He is the King of Glory! He is the One we honor and proclaim! He is the One due our allegiance and our service. Open your gates! Let the King of Glory come in!

Good Shepherd Events
Week of January 6 – January 13, 2008

Sunday, January 6, 2008

Service of Holy Communion	8:00 & 10:30 AM
Sunday School	9:15 AM
Bible Study	9:15 AM
Learning Event	6:00 – 8:00 PM

Monday, January 7, 2008

Women's Bible Study	7:00 PM
Bowling	8:30 PM

Tuesday, January 8, 2008

Book Club – **POSTPONED** till 3/11/08 @ 7:30 PM

Wednesday, January 9, 2008

Little Sheep	4:30 – 5:00 PM
Heavenly Dove Bells	5:00 – 5:45 PM
Interpretive Worship Team	5:45 – 6:30 PM
Shepherd Singers	6:30 – 7:30 PM
Celebration Bells	7:30 – 8:30 PM

Sunday, January 13, 2008

Service of Holy Communion
Manor Worship Service
Bible Study
Reception for New Members

New Members Sunday

8:00 & 10:30 AM
10:45 AM
9:15 AM
12:00 PM

“Money is what we make it. Money can own us or be owed by us. It depends entirely on our attitude. *“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.”* (1 Timothy 6:10)