

The Family of God Together February 24, 2008

GOOD MORNING! When we gather together, it is to gain strength for service. When we worship, it is to be challenged for witness. When we praise, it is to find renewed power. When we rejoice in fellowship, it is for the renewal of our faith. We pray that this will be happen for you in the hour to come.

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 which can be found by the Visitor's book or 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.

Mid-week Lenten Service Wednesday 7:30 PM

ALTAR FLOWERS: The rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Taylor Marie Bliven, daughter of Jennifer Bergfeldt and Jon Bliven. The flowers are in honor of Marie & Dave Bergfeldt's birthdays, and in celebration of the 45th wedding anniversary of William and Gloria Plummer.

HOSPITAL STAY: If you or a family member is anticipating a hospital stay, or a stay in a nursing home or a rehab facility, or you know of someone from the congregation who is hospitalized, please contact the church office @ 732-679-8883, or e-mail the church at office@lc-goodshepherd.org. You can leave a message on the answering machine. Please give us the name of the person, what hospital or nursing home they are in, and your name and number in case we need more information. Thank You.

PRINCESS RETREAT 2008: The retreat will be March 29th & 30th. The cost is \$64.00 per person (includes meals, material, etc.) The sign-up sheet is on the Christian Education Board. All payments are due when you sign up. Please put your payment in an envelope with your name on it, and **put in the mail box outside the church office.**

LYF PLAY: Come spend some time with the youth group as they try to solve the mysterious disappearance of some actors just before opening night in *The Case of the Show-Stopping Nun Nabber*. Performances are Friday, 2/29 at 7:30 PM and Sunday, 3/2 at 2:30 PM. Tickets are \$5.00 (\$3.00 for Seniors and youth 5th grade and younger) Dinner theatre is Saturday, 3/1 at 5:00 PM. Choices are Chicken Parmagiana or Steak Pizzaola. Penne Vodka, a veggie, salad, bread, coffee, tea and dessert are also included. Dinners are \$17.00 adult, \$12.00 seniors. Please sign up at the counter this week!

BIBLE STUDIES: Teen devotional study is music based. They will be in the youth room: instructor Amber Brown. "Controlling Your Money in a Christian Way" instructor is Eileen Sabino-Loughman. Eileen invites you to join them for a practical insightful look at your own money and finance habits from a Christian perspective.

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.

IN OUR PRAYERS: we remember: **those recovering:** 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:** Cookie Rose, Gloria Carias, Evelyn Kotora, Ruth Gunderson, Ray Monel, Jake Johnson, Gregory Pryor, Vincent Siclari Jr, Terry Hayes, Eric Brown, Dylan Brown, Marilyn Evenga, Margaret Wrigley, Trudy Conway; **those in the military:** Marc Artache, Robert Bracero, Brian Farrell, Jon Griswold, Chris O'Shea, Matthew Munoz, Dustin Brown, Fabian Lopez, Jeff Borkowski, Guy Kotora, Jeff Kotora, Joseph Puoplo, Rob Farrell, Brian Borkowski, and Ashley Welsh; **and our missionaries:** Rev. Chuck and Jeanette Groth in Cambodia, and LINC, NJ. **If you know of someone who can be taken off the prayer list, or who needs to be added, please call or e-mail the church office.**

FIRST COMMUNION: First communion classes will be March 1st at 9:00 am. First Communion Sunday is March 9th, @ the 10:30 am service. A letter was sent home. If you did not receive a letter, please call the church office.

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP: Check out our website: youth.lc-goodshepherd.info for info about events, and pictures of what we've been up to so far! Grades 9-12 are welcome!

JOSHUA'S TRUMPET: Did you know that we have over 75 Praise and Worship songs that are used in our Sunday worship services? Which one is your favorite? Do you have suggestions for a Praise Song that you would like to hear? Please let us know.

FEBRUARY PRAYER PETITION: "Dear God, We thank and praise You that Your love shown by Your son Jesus Christ is with us everyday. Amen."

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. Jocus, W. Krawiec
(10:30 AM)	R. Shipley, L. Burke
Manor Deacons	T. Jocus, J. Jocus
Mid Week Deacons	R. Shipley, E. Siclari
Mid Week Acolyte	Taryn McGrane
Greeters	Silvia Herbert & Paulette Hacker
Organist	Mary J. Zeffiro
Music (8:00 AM)	Joshua's Trumpet
Ushers (8:00 AM)	Eugene Clapsis
(10:30 AM)	J. McGrade, B. Sardone, AJ Ford, B. Larkin
Acolytes (8:00 AM)	Chris Bowen, Emily Jocus
(10:30 AM)	Nicole Stacy, Taryn McGrane
Altar Guild	Sheryl Kotora, Toni Pryor, Cathy Cole
Bulletin Folder	The Dill Family
Counters	T. White-Stevens, A. vanRiemsdyk, P. Pryor

Weekly Budget/Expenses Amount:	\$ 7,740.00
Contributions received: 2/17/08:	\$ 6,630.00
Current Checking Account Balance:	\$ 32,324.77



Stewardship Corner: “If you give something that you can live without, it’s not giving” (Mother Theresa)

Good Shepherd Events
Week of February 24, – March 2, 2008

Sunday, February 24, 2008

Service of Holy Communion	8:00 & 10:30 AM
Sunday School & Bible Study	9:15 AM
Martin Luther Play	9:15 AM
Manor Worship Service	10:45 AM
Sr. Choir Practice	11:45 AM
LYF Play Rehearsal	12:00 PM

Monday, February 25, 2008

Deacons Meeting	7:00 PM
Celebration Bells	7:00 – 8:00 PM
Women’s Bible Study	7:00 PM
Bowling	8:30 PM

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

Worship & Music	7:00 PM
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Wednesday, February 27, 2008

	WORSHIP SERVICE 7:30 PM
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 – 7:00 PM
Jubilation Bells	7:00 – 7:30 PM

Friday, February 29, 2008

LYF PLAY

Saturday, March 1, 2008

First Communion Class	9:00 – 12:00
LYF Dinner Theatre	

Sunday, March 2, 2008

Service of Holy Communion	8:00 & 10:30 AM
Sunday School & Bible Studies	9:15 AM
Sr. Choir Practice	11:45 AM
LYF Play	2:00 PM

The world shouts, “You’re number 1!” It further entices us to put ourselves first, coyly whispering, “You’re worth it!” God, too, tells us that we’re number 1. He, too, tells us that we’re worth it. While the world uses this message to manipulate us to fall for its vain lies, God backs His words with action: *“God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life”* (John 3:16).