

The Family of God Together **March 9, 2008**

GOOD MORNING! Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Prepare for worship in stillness and prayer. Enjoy worship by lifting your voice and your heart to God. After worship, enjoy the company of one another. Then, when the worship is over, the service begins. Go in peace, serve the Lord!

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: In honor of Richard Toth's First Communion given by his family. In honor of Tyler Drews First Communion, given by his family, and in memory of Erich Taucher, Nancy Drews father. In celebration of Tim Siclari's birthday given by his family.

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE: We will be having a dinner before the mid-week service. This will be at 6:00 PM. A free will offering will be collected. **Please use the sign-up sheet on the kitchen counter.**

EASTER FLOWERS: The sign up page is in the Flower Book in the Narthex behind the "holiday" tab. Available are: Lilies (**\$14.50**), Tulips and Hyacinths (**\$9.00**) Mums (**\$5.00**) These may be placed in glory to God or in memory of a loved one. Payments may be placed in an envelope with your name & "Easter Flowers" on it and placed in the box by the book.

SEDER: Seder will be held at 5:30 PM on Sunday, March 16th in the Fellowship Hall. **Leg of Lamb and Turkey** will be served along with the traditional items used in Seder meal. A free will offering will be collected. Please use the sign-up sheet so we have enough food planned. **Bring your own place settings and wine glasses.**

NEW MEMBER CLASSES: Classes for new members will begin March 30th @ 9:30 AM, in the Resource Room. Please use the sign-up sheet on the kitchen counter. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

"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.

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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE: Church office will be closed on Good Friday.

Palm Sunday, 3/16/08, 8:00 and 10:30 AM, **Maundy Thursday, 3/30/08,** 7:30 PM Service, **Good Friday, 3/21/08,** 7:30 PM Service. **Easter, 3/23/08,** 7:30 AM Sunrise Service, 10:30 AM Worship Service. There will be **NO** Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

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.**

BIBLE STUDIES: “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, Kathy Hogan, Kyle Pelligrino, 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, 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.

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP: Next meeting is **TODAY**, March 9th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. 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.

MARCH PRAYER PETITION: “Dear Lord, during this Lenten time, help us to remember why you sent your Son, Jesus to suffer and die for us. We thank and praise You for this great gift and your constant unfailing love.” Amen.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Pastor	Rev. William A. Qualman
Vicar	Ben Mallepalle
Deacons (8:00 AM) (10:30 AM)	J. Jocus , T. Jocus R. Shipley , E. Siclari
Manor Deacons	L. Burke, W. Krawiec
Manor Pianist	G. Ferreira
Greeters	Marilyn & Dean Olson
Organist	Mary J. Zeffiro
Ushers (8:00 AM) (10:30 AM)	Eugene Clapsis R. Ebersole, K. Arzberger, T. White Stevens, S. Herbert
Acolytes (8:00 AM) (10:30 AM)	Caity Palomba, Nicole Drews Brian Puricelli, Paige Ferreira
Altar Guild	A. Dill, D. Dooley, P. Hacker, J. Previte, R. Rutan
Bulletin Folder	Dean & Marilyn Olson
Counters	B. & S. Shipley, L. Cinquagrana

Weekly Budget/Expenses Amount:	\$ 7,740.00
Contributions received: 3/2/08:	\$ 5,609.00
Current Checking Account Balance:	\$ 32,725.71



During this penitential season of Lent, we kneel at the cross, pondering the perfection of our Savior and the sin of our souls which led Him to that place. We ask for forgiveness, and we ask that we might be strengthened through His Word and Sacrament to rise as new creatures, eager to do His will, eager to thank Him with grateful hearts, and eager to speak the message of His love and sacrifice for all.

Good Shepherd Events
Week of March 9 – March 16, 2008

Sunday, March 9, 2008

Service of Holy Communion	8:00 & 10:30 AM
Sunday School & Bible Study	9:15 AM
Manor Worship Service	10:45 AM
Sr. Choir Practice	11:45 AM
Girl Scout Sunday	8:00 AM

FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAY

Monday, March 10, 2008

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

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Book Club – <i>“The Faith Club”</i>	7:30 PM
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Wednesday, March 12, 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 – 7:00 PM
Jubilation Bells	7:00 – 7:30 PM
Dinner	6:00 PM

WORSHIP SERVICE 7:30 PM

Friday, March 14, 2008

STAFF ARTICLES DUE

Saturday, March 15, 2008

COFFEE HOUSE

Sunday, March 16, 2008

Service of Holy Communion	8:00 & 10:30 AM
Sunday School & Bible Studies	9:15 AM
Sr. Choir Practice	11:45 AM
Seder Dinner	5:30 PM

PALM SUNDAY

Stewardship Corner:

“It’s not how much we give but how much love we put into the giving?”

(Mother Theresa)