

The Family of God Together
March 16, 2008

GOOD MORNING! It is most certainly true that God comes to us where we live. He loves us as we are. Our hearts are His birthplace, our lives are His home. In this hour may your life be filled with His peace as we worship Him together.

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.

Maundy Thursday, & Good Friday Service 7:30 PM

EASTER BREAKFAST: Please join your Church family for Easter Breakfast. Seating Early Service at 8:45 and Late Service at 9:30 Easter Morning. Lots of help is required! If you can assist in Set-Up of the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, or assist in Cooking, Serving, or Cleaning Sunday morning -- **We need you!** Please see Faith at the counter.

SEDER: Seder will be held at **5:30 PM TODAY** 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. **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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Maundy Thursday, 3/20/08, 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. Church office will be **closed** on Good Friday, and Monday, March 24th.

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.

SPRING TEA: April 20, 2008. Please join us on April 20th, at 2:00 PM for Spring Tea. This Tea is open to all women, so bring in friends and neighbors. We will also be providing babysitting services for those who have small children and would still like to participate. There is a small charge of \$10.00 per person to help cover the cost of the food and beverages. If you have any questions, please see Kathy Hogan, Pat Brietweiser or Elizabeth Pedersen. We will need some volunteers to help, with set up, help making sandwiches and desserts, we might also have to borrow some china sets and tea pots. We will also need at least one male volunteer to help with the bigger pots of hot water.

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

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.

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, Margaret Wrigley, Trudy Conway; **those in the military:** Steve Kaminsky, 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 April 13th 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)	W. Krawiec, J. Kotora (CLM) J. Previte, R. Shipley
Greeters	Bill & Christine Bleistein
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)	Emily Jocus, Erin Cole Maggie O'Connor, Billy Bleistein
Altar Guild	A. Dill, D. Dooley, P. Hacker, J. Previte, R. Rutan
Bulletin Folder	Christine Kim
Counters	B. Fruh, M. Junco, S. Hawley, K. Arzberger

Weekly Budget/Expenses Amount:	\$ 7,740.00
Contributions received: 3/9/08:	\$ 7,279.50
Current Checking Account Balance:	\$ 25,857.91



Who among us likes sacrifice? Do we not seek to please ourselves, to spare ourselves, to shield ourselves and those we love from pain or disappointment or failure? Unlike us, “*Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things . . . Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him.*” Peter loved his Lord; He didn’t want Him to suffer. Our answer to the temptation to self-centeredness should echo Jesus’ answer to Peter, “*Get behind Me, Satan . . . You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men*” (Matthew 16:21-23).

Good Shepherd Events
Week of March 16 – March 23, 2008

Sunday, March 16, 2008	PALM SUNDAY
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
Monday, March 17, 2008	
Women's Bible Study	7:00 PM
Bowling	8:30 PM
Wednesday, March 19, 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
Celebration Bells	7:30 – 8:30 PM
Thursday, March 20, 2008	
Maundy Thursday Service	7:30 PM
Friday, March 21, 2008	OFFICE CLOSED
Good Friday Service	7:30 PM
Sunday, March 23, 2008	EASTER SUNDAY
Sunrise Service of Holy Communion	7:30 AM
Service of Holy Communion	10:30 AM
Manor Worship Service	10:45 AM
Sr. Choir Practice	11:45 AM
Monday, March 24, 2008	OFFICE CLOSED

Stewardship Corner:

“When it comes to giving until it hurts, most people have a low threshold of pain.”
(Anonymous)