

The Family of God Together March 30, 2008

GOOD MORNING! Christ is risen! Alleluia! He is risen, indeed! We welcome you in the name of our risen Lord. It is our hope you will feel God's presence as you worship here today. As His Word speaks to your heart, may you receive a greater faith and a deeper understanding of His will for your life.

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 as 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.

No Adult Coffee Hour today

EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS: were in memory of Anne-Marie Hawley, given by Susan and Christian Hawley. **This weeks altar flowers** are in honor of Erin Cole's 14th birthday given by her family, and in honor of Nancy Matarangelo's Confirmation by her friends, the Shipley's.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES: Classes for new members will begin today, March 30th @ 9:15 AM, in the Resource Room. Please use the sign-up sheet on the kitchen counter, and join us in the Resource Room. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

EASTER BREAKFAST: A *Big Thank You* to all those who assisted in any way with our Easter Breakfast. On very short notice many of you gave unselfishly of your time to set-up, go shopping, serve, cook, organize, and clean-up so that the congregation could enjoy a wonderful Easter Breakfast. I want to personally thank all of you who assisted and pass on "A Job Well Done!" Pastor was delighted, the congregation was appreciative, the Administrative Board was grateful, and a delightful time in fellowship was had by all! Faith Caban

"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.

COFFEE HOUSE: Come out and enjoy a great meal and great music by Joshua's Trumpet, April 19th at 6:30 PM. Come hear the "other" music that Joshua's Trumpet sings. I think you will be pleasantly surprised, and you may even find yourself clapping and singing along!

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: Please join us on April 20th, at 2:00 PM for the 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, making sandwiches and desserts, and 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.

Good Shepherd has an ongoing program whereby Bill Sardone shares information regarding “Church happenings and events” with local / state-wide newspapers, cable media and other sources. Please e-mail Bill any contact information you may see for local community newspapers. Articles will be written and sent to all of them about our various year round programs. Bill is on email wsardone@n2nconsultants.com.

HOSPITAL STAY: If you or a family member are 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, 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.

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) (10:30 AM)	R. Shipley, T. Jocus, J. Jocus
Greeters	Terri & Jeff Campbell
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)	Paige Weiss, Erin Cole Stephanie Olson, Kelly Doran
Altar Guild	A. Dill, D. Dooley, P. Hacker, J. Previte, R. Rutan
Bulletin Folder Counters	

Weekly Budget/Expenses Amount:	\$ 7,740.00
Contributions received: 3/23/08:	\$ 11,365.50



“Never measure your generosity by what you give, but rather by what you have left.”

(Bishop Fulton Sheen)

Good Shepherd Events
Week of March 30 – April 6, 2008

Sunday, March 30, 2008

Service of Holy Communion	8:00 & 10:30 AM
Sunday School & Bible Studies	9:15 AM
New Member class in Resource Room	9:15 AM
Service at the Manor	10:45 AM
Princess Retreat Returns	2:30 PM

New Member Class Starts

Monday, March 31, 2008

Women's Bible Study	CANCELLED
Bowling	8:30 PM

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

Friendship Sunday Planning Meeting	7:30 PM
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Wednesday, April 2, 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 PM

Sunday, April 6, 2008

Service of Holy Communion	8:00 & 10:30 AM
Sunday School	9:15 AM
Adult & Teen Bible Study	9:15 AM
New Member Class	9:15 AM
Learning Event	6:00 – 8:00 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)