

The Family of God Together

April 13, 2008

GOOD MORNING! We are so pleased you are here to worship with us. We pray by the hearing of His Word you find your burdens lighter, your hearts encouraged, and your souls refreshed. May the Spirit of God dwell within you and may He overwhelm you with His love.

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.

Coffee House Sat. Night 6:30 PM with Joshua's Trumpet

ALTAR FLOWERS: in celebration of Eric Meyer's 50th Birthday, given by the Brace family.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES: Classes for new members began March 30th. Please join us in the Resource Room if you would like to become a member. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

COFFEE HOUSE: Come and enjoy a great food and great music on Sat., April 19th at 6:30 PM.

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.

COSTA RICA: WILD SCIENCE! As many of you are aware I will be leading a small group in a hands-on science adventure this June! Registration for the **June 2009 trip is NOW OPEN**. **Any student 12 or over** interested in **2009 travel with the group** may sign up without a parent. Any parent, or adult, is welcome to join us, with the following understanding: As a hands-on eco-tourism adventure, the group must stay together as a group with our Certified Tour Guide. The following adventures will occur on this trip: Snorkeling, Hiking, Boating, River Fishing, Swimming in the great Nauyaca Waterfalls, Horseback Riding, and a Service-Learning Event. All students with or without a parent **must be able to swim** to join. TEN persons are needed to travel. See Faith Caban at counter for questions and brochure.

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.

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP: Next meeting will be today, 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!

Mark your calendars!! The May Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 18 following each of the two services. Our business will include the election of Administrative Board members and review/approval of proposed Amendments to the LCGS Constitution and By-Laws. Current Board members Faith Caban and Jamie Toth, whose terms are expiring, will stand for re-election and are endorsed by the Administrative Board. Copies of the proposed revisions to the Constitution and By Laws may be found in the Narthex. An open meeting will be held on Sunday, April 27 between services (approx 9 – 10am) for all interested Congregation members to review and discuss the proposed changes with members of the Administrative Board.

ONE STEP CLOSER: Walk for Leukodystrophy – Saturday, May 17th starting at 12 noon, Lombardi field in Old Bridge. Please see the April Staff article or Sissy Rutan for more information.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: There are a few “*sample/draft*” copies of the new church directory, one on the ushers desk, one on the bulletin board. I would like you to please take the time to look at your phone number, address, and e-mail (if it is listed), and make any corrections that need to be made. Please, **write it directly on the draft copy**, and **PRINT** clearly. If you wish to have your e-mail listed, please add it to the back of the book. Please **do not TELL me** your changes, write them on the book. Thank you for your help. Marie

ANNUAL JOYOUS JUNK SALE: The annual garage sale is scheduled for **Sat. June 7th** (Rain or Shine), from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. \$15.00 per spot. **NO** clothing will be accepted this year. If you have items you wish to donate to the church to sell, you can drop them off at church **the week BEFORE** the event. More information to come.

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.

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY: May 4th, 2008, please prayerfully consider inviting a friend.

IN OUR PRAYERS: we remember: **those recovering:** Gunhild Nelson, Les Ebersole, Lyman Laub; **those in nursing homes:** Dorothy Palmer, 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 our missionaries:** Rev. Chuck & Jeanette Groth in Cambodia, & LINC, NJ.

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.

APRIL PRAYER PETITION: Dear Lord: We praise and thank You for the new life that comes to our world in spring. Help us to also praise and thank You for the new life You have given us through Your son Jesus Christ. 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
Deacons (8:00 AM)	J. Kitora (CLM), L. Burke
(10:30 AM)	S. Hansen, T. Hansen
Manor Deacons	E. Siclari, B. Meyer
Readers (8:00 AM)	Alma Meyer
(10:30 AM)	Allison van Riemsdyk
Greeters	Silvia Herbert & Paulette Hacker
Organist	Mary J. Zeffiro
Ushers (8:00 AM)	Eugene Clapsis
(10:30 AM)	J. Campbell, B. Fruh, D. Bergfeldt
Acolytes (8:00 AM)	Caity Palomba, Nicole Drews
(10:30 AM)	Brian Puricelli, Kelly Doran
Altar Guild	A. Meyer, B. Meyer, J. Jocus, B. Freeborn
Bulletin Folder	Dean & Marilyn Olson
Counters	B. & S. Shipley, L. Cinquegrana

Weekly Budget/Expenses Amount:	\$ 7,740.00
Contributions received: 4/6/08:	\$ 5,710.50



“Stewardship is the act of organizing your life so that God can spend you”

(Lynn A. Miller)

Good Shepherd Events Week of April 13 – April 20, 2008

Sunday, April 13, 2008

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

Monday, April 14, 2008

Outreach Meeting	7:30 PM	Staff Articles Due
Bowling	8:30 PM	

Wednesday, April 16, 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 PM

Thursday, April 17, 2008

Admin. Board Meeting	7:30 PM
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Friday, April 18, 2008

Huddle Meeting	7:30 PM
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Saturday, April 19, 2008

Coffee House w/ Joshua's Trumpet	COFFEE HOUSE 6:30 PM
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Sunday, April 20, 2008

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



“When He rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, He found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. ‘Why are you sleeping?’ He asked them” (Luke 22:45-46). Jesus was exhausted too. After all, He was human. He got hungry and tired, just as His disciples did. We are prone to shake our heads at those lazy, disloyal disciples, but how often do we say we’re too tired to serve, too poor to give, too inadequate to help? Like the disciples who were transformed on Pentecost, we have received the Holy Spirit Who equips, enables, and energizes us to be God’s stewards.