

The Family of God Together **April 20, 2008**

GOOD MORNING! Welcome to all who are present in this Sanctuary. 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.

Work Day, Sat. April 26th starting at 9:00 am

ALTAR FLOWERS: in celebration of Rose Sydor's birthday given by Marianne & Wayne Krawiec. In celebration of Joe & Evelyn Kotora's 57th Wedding Anniversary.

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.

SPRING TEA: 2:00 PM Today. 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 pp to help cover the cost of the food and beverages. If you have any questions, please see Kathy Hogan, Pat Brietweiser or Elizabeth Pedersen.

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 May 11th 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!

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.

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.

DEACONS MEETING: Will be Tuesday, April 29th, due to a schedule conflict.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: By an overwhelming popular vote, we will return our Bible Study evening to Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m., starting on May 7, 2008. Also by a popular vote, we will be doing the Bible Study by Joanna Weaver called Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World. If you have questions, please see Jill O'Connor.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: There are a few *“draft”* copies of the new church directory that I would like you to please take the time to look at. Please check your phone number, address, and e-mail (if it is listed), and make any corrections that need to be made. There are copies on the bulletin board in the Sunday School wing, on the ushers desk, and on the bulletin board outside the fellowship hall. Please, make your corrections **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.

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
Vicar	Ben Mallepalle
Deacons (8:00 AM)	J. Jocus, T. Jocus
(10:30 AM)	E. Siclari, J. Previte
Greeters	Mary Ann Turk & Amy Ford
Organist	Mary J. Zeffiro
Ushers (8:00 AM)	Eugene Clapsis
(10:30 AM)	J. Campbell, B. Fruh, D. Bergfeldt
Acolytes (8:00 AM)	Erin Cole, Chris Bowen
(10:30 AM)	Billy Bleistein, Dominick Pate
Altar Guild	A. Meyer, B. Meyer, J. Jocus, B. Freeborn
Bulletin Folder	Christine Kim
Counters	B. Fruh, M. Junco, S. Hawley

Weekly Budget/Expenses Amount:	\$ 7,740.00
Contributions received: 4/13/08:	\$ 5,165.25



“Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost.”

(Ignition of Loyola)

Good Shepherd Events Week of April 20 – April 27, 2008

Sunday, April 20, 2008

Service of Holy Communion
Sunday School
Adult & Teen Bible Study
New Member Class
Learning Event

Spring Tea

8:00 & 10:30 AM
9:15 AM
9:30 AM
9:30 AM
6:00 – 8:00 PM

Monday, April 21, 2008

Worship & Music Meeting
Bowling

7:00 PM
8:30 PM

Wednesday, April 22, 2008

Little Sheep
Heavenly Dove Bells
Interpretive Worship Team
Shepherd Singers
Jubilation Bells
Celebration Bells

4:30 – 5:00 PM
5:00 – 5:45 PM
5:45 – 6:30 PM
6:30 – 7:00 PM
7:00 – 7:30 PM
7:30 PM

Saturday, April 26, 2008

Clean Up Around the Church

Work Day

9:00 AM

Sunday, April 27, 2008

Service of Holy Communion
Sunday School & Bible Studies
New Member class in Resource Room
Service at the Manor

By Laws Discussion

8:00 & 10:30 AM
9:15 AM
9:30 AM
10:45 AM



Which of Jesus' words from the cross are your favorite? Perhaps these: "*Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing*" (Luke 23:34). For whom was He making this request? For the Jewish hierarchy who brought the Crucifixion about; for the Romans who used this method of execution; for the centurion who "*saw how He died [and] said, 'Surely this man was the Son of God!'*" (Mark 15:39). And for us, for it is our sin that put Jesus on the cross. And it is Jesus Whom we praise and tell the world, "*Surely this man is the Son of God!*"