

The Family of God Together April 27, 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS: in celebration of Peter Bergfeldt's 21st birthday given by his family, in celebration of Dave Dill's 70th birthday given by his family, and in celebration of Jessica Toth's birthday.

Friendship Sunday, May 4th, 2008

Bring a friend to church! Friendship Sunday is on May 4th. Invitation is what evangelism is all about! For a variety of reasons, "most" Lutherans tend to be timid about inviting, but we are not most Lutherans! Join us for a reception after both services! There will be lots of food and refreshments! See Jamie Toth if you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The church needs your help mowing our grass. Both riding and push mowers used, as well as gas weed whackers. You need to be at least a freshman in high school** or older. Training is available. If you're able to spare some time, please contact Maureen Puricelli at 732-536-6202 or email MoeMoe57@optonline.net. (**A note to high school students--time volunteered would qualify as National Honor Society service hours or other school service hours you might need.*)

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.

WANTED: Patio bricks. If you are replacing a brick patio and would like to donate some of the bricks to the Church, please call the Church office.

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 18th 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 today, 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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: By an overwhelming vote, we will return our Bible Study evening to Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m., starting on May 7th. 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.

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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.

SUMMER MUSIC OPPORTUNITY: Would members of your family enjoy creating your own family choir to sing during one of our summer services? Is there a soloist or duet that could offer a choral offering of music as a part of our worship? Is a member of your family a gifted musician who could add to our worship experience during the summer? If so, please speak to Mary Zeffiro, our organist, after a service to tell her what you'd like to do.

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.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Pastor	Rev. William A. Qualman
Vicar	Ben Mallepalle
Deacons (8:00 AM)	J. Previte, B. Meyer
(10:30 AM)	W. Krawiec, S. Hansen
Greeters	Eric & Brigitte Meitzner
Organist	Mary J. Zeffiro
Ushers (8:00 AM)	Eugene Clapsis
(10:30 AM)	J. Campbell, B. Fruh, D. Bergfeldt
Acolytes (8:00 AM)	Jason Cocklin, Nicole Drews
(10:30 AM)	Drew Larkin, Billy Bleistein
Altar Guild	A. Meyer, B. Meyer, J. Jocus, B. Freeborn
Bulletin Folder	The Dill Family
Counters	T. White-Stevens, A. vanReimsdyk, P. Pryor

Weekly Budget/Expenses Amount:	\$ 7,740.00
Contributions received: 4/20/08:	\$ 5,092.96

“Is GOD in your Budget?”

Giving to God should be part of your budget planning every year, not an afterthought.

Good Shepherd Events
Week of April 27 – May 4, 2008

Sunday, April 27, 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

By Laws Discussion 9 -10 AM

Monday, April 28, 2008

Bowling	8:30 PM
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Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Deacons Meeting	7:00 PM
Friendship Sunday Planning Meeting	7:30 PM

Wednesday, April 30, 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

Saturday, May 3, 2008

Sunday, May 4, 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
Learning Event	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Friendship Sunday

Reception for friends after both services



The women went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body. Confused and distressed at finding an empty tomb, they were further bewildered to hear the words of "a young man dressed in a white robe. . . [Jesus] has risen! He is not here . . . Go, tell His disciples and Peter . . ." (Mark 16:5-7). Easter is the celebration of the Empty Tomb. Every Sunday we are reminded, "Go, tell!" Like the women, we may be "trembling and bewildered" (Mark 16:8), but, we, too, are emboldened by God's Spirit to carry out His command. Go tell. He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!