

The Staff

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Our Mission: To equip God's people for ministry with a vision to share God's Word

From the Vicar



Some college students were given an 86 question quiz – here are some of their answers –

- * Ralph Nader was a baseball player.
- * Christ was born in the 16th century.
- * J. Edgar Hoover was a 19th century president.
- * Sid Caesar was an early Roman emperor.
- * Dwight D. Eisenhower was a US president in the 17th century.

There is more – coming to the Bible their answers were -

- * Sodom and Gomorrah were lovers.
- * The New Testament was written by Matthew, Mark, Luther, and John.
- * Eve was created from an apple.
- * Jesus was baptized by Moses.
- * Golgotha was the name of the giant who slew the apostle David.

On the other hand, I have met people who do great on bible quizzes (FYI- most of them read Bible Quiz books!) but they have no clue as to what God truly teaches though His Word!

15 well-spent minutes a day!

Brothers and sisters, because there is so much Biblical ignorance in the world, there is also much ignorance about the true and living God and the Savior, Jesus Christ and about everything in regard to God!

We are taught every Sunday that Christ comes to us through Word and Sacrament. Since God speaks to us through the Bible, it is important for us to read and learn God's message. Since October is Reformation month – I would like to remind you that it was the reading of the Bible that shaped Martin Luther and the Reformation. For 2000 years the Christian faith has affirmed that God has spoken through the Bible. The Bible, I believe, provides us with the equipment we need. It's been said that when all you have is a hammer, every problem looks like a nail. Well the Bible provides us with a complete spiritual toolbox to live a full and rich spiritual life of devotion to Jesus Christ.

So I ask you now how is your reading of the Bible? Did you know that if you read four chapters a day you can finish the entire bible, all 66 books and 1189 chapters, in ten months! Guess how long it would take to read four chapters? Approximately 15 minutes.

So I ask you dear brother and sister in Christ, can you spare/spend 15 minutes a day that can make a

whole lot of difference in your daily walk with our Lord?

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. II Timothy 3:16-17(NIV)

PS: Please pray for the many Christians living in countries where even the simple act of owning/carrying a Bible is illegal. Also, more people have died for being a Christian in the past 100 years than in all of the past 1,900 years combined.

Vicar Ben Mallepalle



Memorial Service



To my dear Good Shepherd Family,

October 15th will mark the first anniversary date that my Beloved Bobby has gone on to be with our Lord. As I look back on all the suffering and anxiety that we dealt with for that seven months leading up to his death, I will always find comfort in the endless efforts of this wonderful church. As painful as the flashbacks are, there is a true sense of God's love in those memories. Some pains may never be fully lifted and my heart may never heal from losing such a great, wonderful, and Godly man in this life. But my dear brothers and sister in Christ, rest assured all your love and support sustained us through this

horrible ordeal. I am comforted still with the memories of all that was done by this congregation and the rest of the Old Bridge community. At this time, I want to thank you all again for all you have done for us in our time of need. There will be a memorial service to honor Bobby on October 18, 2008 @ 1 pm at Good Shepherd. I invite you all to come and share with the children and me the beautiful memories of Bobby Pate. A man that faithfully served the Lord and always did it with a glad heart.

With all my love,

Stephanie



Do you take credit for your financial success, or do you acknowledge that God has made it

possible? So often we hear or read stories about the self-made millionaire. He himself and others as well may give sole credit for his accomplishments to his own hard work, his ingenuity, and/or his “good luck.” This false thinking has seized us for generations. Moses warned the Israelites about it. He said, *“You may say to yourself, ‘My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.’ But remember the Lord your God, for it is He Who gives you the ability to produce wealth . . .”* (Deuteronomy 8:17-18).

Money is one of satan’s most effective tools to separate us from an intimate relationship with our Lord. Love for money can grow stronger than love for our Lord. The writer of Hebrews wrote, *“Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have . . .”* (Hebrews 13:5). The Apostle Paul warned, *“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs”* (1 Timothy

Whose Is It Anyway?

6:10). In Mark 10:17-22, we read of the Rich Young Man who *“went away sad, because he had great wealth”* which Jesus, knowing that his wealth barred him from a relationship with Jesus, asked him to give up.

Oswald Chambers wrote on this subject as well: *“Not every man can carry a full cup. Sudden elevation frequently leads to pride and a fall. The most exacting test of all to survival is prosperity.”* Joseph faced many temptations. He could have been bitter toward his brothers. He could have given in to the sexual advances of Potiphar’s wife. He could have been filled with anger for being wrongly accused and put into prison. Having survived the tests of adversity, he then was subjected to the test of success in status and in financial prosperity. He did not become proud; money did not separate him from his God. He knew that God was the source of all his prosperity, for *“the Lord was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did”* (Genesis 39:23).

What is your perspective on your money and possessions? Do you tend to pat yourself on the back, or do you remember that it is by God’s grace that you are what you are and have what you have? Staying in God’s Word and asking for His will, not your own, will bring honor to God and peace to your soul.

Submitted by Pat Pryor



Memorial Funds are established to provide a venue for financial donations to be made for designated purposes for the further support of church related activities. Donations are often made in memory of an individual or to honor a special life event like a birthday, the birth of a child, a marriage or an anniversary. Donations to these funds need not be limited to commemorating such events, and may be made at any time and for any reason. Donations may be directed toward a specific purchase (e.g. "candles for the altar") or activity (e.g. "field trips for Good Shepherd Children's Center students").

The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (LCGS) has five Memorial Funds, each designated for a specific purpose. If you are thinking about making a donation, please review the descriptions and consider which most touches your heart.

Building Fund: This fund supports the preservation of the church buildings and grounds through planned renovations. These activities preserve the integrity of our church home and help ensure adequate facility size and design to meet our Congregational needs.

Church Improvement Fund: This fund supports the continual improvements to the church's interior and exterior that are not part of planned renovation. These include things such as flowers and trees on the grounds, vestments for acolytes and deacons, draperies or other interior design features and altar linens, paraments and candles to enhance our worship environment.

School Endowment Fund: The Endowment Fund is used to support the Good Shepherd Christian Education activities. These funds are used for the purchase of library books, art supplies, musical instruments, wall art and playground equipment to enrich student experiences.

Family Relief Fund: The Family Relief Fund provides financial support to families in need. Donations are used to defray the costs of food, housing and other routine expenses to families in financial crisis.

Church Scholarship Fund: This fund provides college-bound applicants with support to help defray the costs of tuition, textbooks, calculators, computers, and other scholastic supplies.

Fund pamphlets with the form and envelopes attached available in the Narthex.




Attention Parents of College Students:

If you have a child who is away at college, please e-mail or give the office their address. Someone from the church will periodically send them a card of encouragement, or just a simple hello from the church family.

Thank you for your assistance, Marie.

marie@lc-goodshepherd.org
Subject Line: College Student Address

From the 
*Sunday School
Superintendent*

Submitted by Laurie Burke

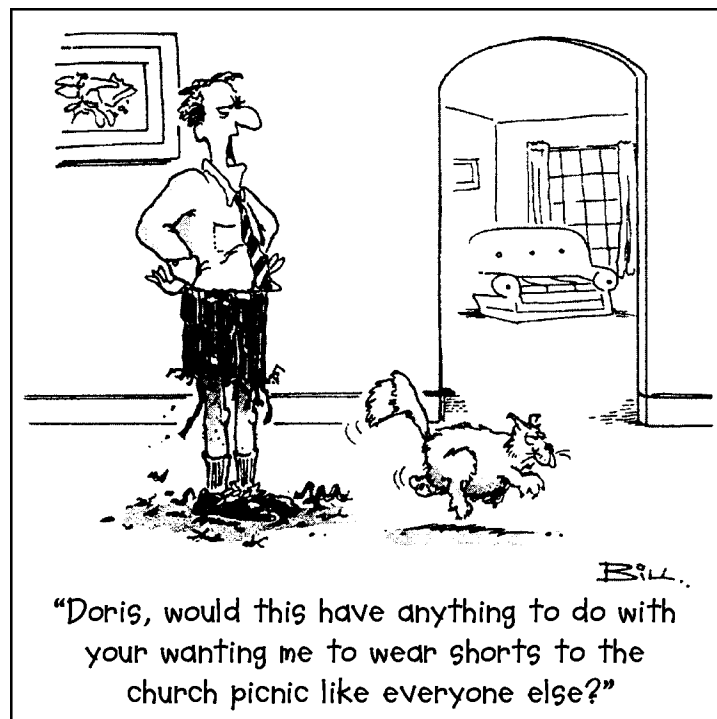
Rally Day was a great success, and we still have students registering for Sunday School. We have gone back to Opening in Church on the first Sunday of the month, October 5th. On October 12th the Sunday School teachers will be installed at the at 8:00 am & 10:30 am Worship Services. This is also Volunteer Sunday.

On Sunday October 26th, the 6th Grade will host their Parents' Visitation Sunday at 9:15 am. I would like to take a moment to introduce the 6th Grade teachers. Linda Cinquagrana started teaching Sunday School in 2001. (6th Grade is her favorite age group.) Mrs. Cinquagrana is a

chef, and can be found cooking all week, and many of us have been lucky enough to have tasted her culinary creations. Linda also enjoys reading and dancing. She is involved in Bible studies and has been a group guide in Confirmation for several years.

Tony Puricelli started in either 2001 or 2002 with Valerie Tietchen with the 1st Grade. Two years ago, Mr. Puricelli moved from 1st to 6th grade. During the week, he works on Wall Street in banking and finance. Tony loves camping, antique cars, and volunteering teaching Sunday School.

Both Linda and Tony believe that watching our young people grow in their faith, and seeing them receive the Sacraments for the first time, makes their teaching experiences special and rewarding.





Those Recovering

Marianne Krawiec
Alma Meyer

Those in Nursing Homes

Tom Qualman
Dorothy Palmer
Emmy Moore –sister of Katrina Clapsis
Leela Mallepalle

Those who are Shut-in

Marion Morgan
Joan Brenner
Irene Inneo
Josie Schubert –mother of Mary Artache

Those with Other Needs

Gloria Carias
Les Ebersole
Gunhild Nelson –mother of Carol Hahl
Evelyn Kotora
Ruth Gunderson –mother of Lynn Hughes
Ray Monel –father of Barbara Di Maggio
Jake Johnson –grandson of Pastor &
Georgeann
Gregory Pryor –brother of Patrick Pryor
Vincent Siclari, Jr. –brother of Ed Siclari
Terry Hayes –mother of Laurie Burke
Eric Brown –son of Amber and Steve
Dylan Brown –grandson of Hatcliffes
Margaret Wrigley –suffering with arthritis
Trudy Conway

Those Struggling with Cancer

Laurie Burke
Kathy Hogan
Laurie Troutman – daughter of Child Care
Teacher
Marie Giacomini – mother of Bill Burke
Peggy DeMarco – friend of the Kotora
Family
Joseph Spinelli – friend of Toni & Pat Pryor
Debbie Pryor – cousin to Toni & Pat Pryor
Kathy Hill – friend of Pryors
Ruth Cousens – mother of Don Cousens

Those in the Military

Chris O'Shea –nephew of Addie & Les Ebersole
Jeff Borkowski
Brian Farrell
Rob Farrell
Dustin Brown
Jeff Kotora
Guy Kotora
Joseph Puoplo –nephew of Clines
Brian Borkowski –nephew of the Borkowski's
Ashley Welsh –niece of Mary White-Stevens
Fabian Lopez –friend of Russell Domis
Darrin Brown –co-worker of Beth Meyer
David Haczyk –friend of Siclari's
Elizabeth Roslak –friend of Siclari's
Jon Griswold –brother-in-law of Heidi Griswold
Marc Artache –nephew of Julio & Mary Artache
Robert Bracero –nephew of Julio & Mary Artache

And our Missionaries :

Rev. Chuck and Jeanette Groth in Cambodia
LINC – NJ

For Your Information



Happy Birthday to...

Jake LaFlower	10/1
Daniel Bergfeldt	10/2
Shawn Reilly	10/3
Jonathan Artache	10/4
Laurie Coletti	10/4
Shauna Cunningham	10/4
Marge Hammarstrom	10/6
Lori Myers	10/7
Alyssa Kotora	10/9
Elena Pineiro	10/9
Adam Van Handel	10/10
Priscilla Seesman	10/11
Mary Ellen Brace	10/11
Loretta Dlugosz	10/11
Deborah Reilly	10/12
Ruth Welter	10/12
Steven Brown	10/13
Kyle James Griswold	10/13
Meghan Farrell	10/15
Paige Ferriera	10/16
Carly Ferriera	10/16
Justin Salzer	10/16
Lauren Lepre	10/17
Kevin Lo	10/17
Jung Kim	10/18
Scott Oliva	10/18
Yvonne Siclari	10/20
Anna Mallepalle	10/20
Drew Pfeifer	10/20
Eric Van Fossen	10/20
Billy Bleistein	10/20
Justyn Hatcliffe	10/21

Jakob Casey	10/21
Jeffrey Brace	10/23
Bill Bleistein	10/24
Danielle Kim	10/25
Tyler Drews	10/25
Nicole Stacy	10/26
Taryn McGrane	10/26
Heather Wilmot	10/29
Pat Pryor	10/29
Brian Lo	10/29
Karen Scanlon	10/29
Alfred Grana	10/30
Adelaide Ebersole	10/31
Steven Onorato	10/31
Dylan Seesman	10/31

Happy Anniversary to.....

Kurt & Michelle Carlson	10/3
Paul & Cathy Jordan	10/7
Frans & Allison vanRiemsdyk	10/9
David & Dale Petersen	10/9
Don & Kathy Cole	10/10
Grace & Yee Wong	10/11
Roy & Barbara Ebersole	10/12
Kevin & Ceil Prenderville	10/15
Sandy & Scott Wolven	10/16
David & Kathy Schulmeister	10/24

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FROM THE ALLEYS

We're back with more exciting adventures from the land of bowling. Let me start with introducing our new bowlers: Steve Humiston, Christi Jordan, Jung Kim, Sean McGovern, Brian Burniston, and returning to the alleys, Rob Magazzu.



Now to the exciting stuff---Tony Onorato set the bar the first game opening night with a game high of 256. And Rob Magazzu highlighted the second week with a high series of 657. Keep watching to see what else will happen on Monday nights. Better yet, come visit us some Monday at Strathmore Lanes, Route 34, Matawan We start at 8:30 pm.

Now without further ado our teams for the 2008/09 season:

Joshua's Kazoo: Bob & Sandy Shipley, Brian Burniston

Slash & Burn: Beth & Vin Stefanelli & Wayne Krawiec

Trump This: Mary Artache, Marie Bergfeldt & Tom Rutan

Bowling Stones: Bob and Carol Hahl & Sean McGovern

Monday Knights: Paul Jordan, Jung Kim & Dean Olson

Chum Buckets: Beth Meyer, Doreen & Ron Humiston

Roll On: Bill & Laurie Burke & Rob Magazzu

Spare Us: Brigitte Meitzner, Jim Hatcliffe & Steve Humiston

Don't Touch Our balls: Christi Jordan, Nicole & Tony Onorato

Holy Rollers: Danny & Steve Onorato & Steve Weiss Sr.

Submitted by Laurie Burke



The Children of Amandla Crossings Say "Thank You"

The children of Amandla Crossings had a wonderful day of shopping for school clothes thanks to your generosity. We raised \$265 for them to purchase clothes and accessories for their first day of school. These children rarely get new clothes, so this day was VERY SPECIAL to them. Thank you again!

*Submitted by Paulette Hacker, Chairman
Missions Committee*

CHURCH FAMILY



PICNIC

Annual Church Picnic

Sunday, October 5th, immediately following the 10:30 service we will be holding our **Annual Church picnic**. This year we decided to use the Church grounds instead of Geick park. We will need several people to help set up and clean up. Also, if anyone has a tarp or outside games, please call the church office. This year the men will be taking over the grill. We will have the usual burgers and dogs, grilled chicken **and** pulled pork. If you can bring a side dish, please sign up at the kitchen counter, or call the church office.

YOU JESUS ME



A cord of three strands is not easily broken

NEW COUPLES BIBLE STUDY STARTING IN THE FALL

A new Bible Study will be starting in the Fall for Couples interested in discovering and applying God's basic blueprints for a stronger, healthier marriage that will last a lifetime. The Bible Study is a seven-session study called ***HomeBuilders: Building Your Marriage*** authored by Dennis Rainey of Family Life Today.

Whether you have been married one month or fifty years, this is the Bible Study for you and your spouse to help you both better connect with each other and learn to accept your husband or wife as God's perfect provision for all of your needs.

The premise of the Bible Study will be to get together with other couples to spend time in fellowship as well as studying God's Word and applying it to our marriages. The Bible Study will be a Cottage Study, so they will take place at couples' homes on an evening once a month, starting in October. This is a new Bible Study, so, of course, any suggestions will be welcomed.

Sign-ups will start and continue through the month of September so that we can get books ordered and homes scheduled prior to our first study meeting. If you and your spouse are interested in joining us, please contact Jill or Tim O'Connor at (732) 928-0178 or e-mail us at timoco@optonline.net. We look forward to getting together and growing in our faith together.

Good Shepherd Children's Center

WHAT'S NEW AT SCHOOL

The Fall is a wonderful time at GSCC. The kids are beginning to settle in, the colors around the classrooms are changing to deep gold, chocolate brown, rich maroon, and rusty orange. The weather outside has a little chill in the air when you wake up, and I'm sure you have noticed its beginning to get darker earlier. I personally love the Fall, it's my most favorite time of the year. Our older children will be going on their fall trips to local farms and enjoy pumpkin picking and apple picking, although their favorite part of the trip is the bus ride. These are all experiences everyone should enjoy, and that they definitely will remember.

In October we will also have the Fire Department out to the school to teach the kids what to do in case of an emergency. The kids will learn the technique of stop, drop and roll, and they will also get to spray water from the official fire hose on the fire truck. It's very exciting for them....they get to feel like real fire fighters.

As I mentioned, October is a great time to get out to local farms, pick fresh produce, and maybe get some more fruits and veggies into your kids...I know I try. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't, unless it's in the form of a pie. It's a chore. I do keep trying though. We have many family traditions during the Fall: We have been taking our kids to the Catskills for years, since they were very young, diaper bags and all, and this year will be no different...no diaper bags though. The Catskills are only about 2 1/2 hours away and we visit the many little towns we encounter along the way on Rte 28 in upstate NY. The ride up is always breathtaking once you finally get to the mountain region, the colors of the leaves are amazing, it just looks like a painting. We bring the



kids to Belleayre Ski Lodge for their annual Arts and Crafts Festival October 11th and 12th. It's filled with vendors, pumpkin painting for the kids, food, and a fishing pond, where the kids can actually go fishing for free. The ski- lift is usually open and there is always live music. At the same time Hunter Mountain has its Oktoberfest on October 4th and 5th, then on the 11th and 12th. Try to hit both, we usually do. The

Oktoberfest at Hunter is great, they have puppet shows for the kids, animals, vendors, authentic German foods and beers and German dancing complete with the costumes. It's a sight to see. You can easily find all this info on the internet. The web site is catskillhighpeaks.com. There is also a railroad in Arkville NY, where you can purchase a ticket and go on a very scenic train through to Roxbury and get off and visit a historical museum for free. There are plenty of Bed and Breakfasts to stay at during your visit. I like those because usually there are no TV's in the room and we really get to reconnect without much technology around. The restaurants are great and the people are wonderful. Check out the website. So, if you are looking for something for you and your family to do that isn't too far away and not that expensive...take a ride and make your own traditions....your kids will love it for years to come.

At the end of the month, my husband and I finish off October by celebrating our anniversary, and we go to the Catskills without the children, when we can visit all those "boring" antique stores and go to auctions or just take a walk down the tree-lined streets, talk over home-made pancakes or hang out by a lake. If you go, you'll be glad you did!

Lorraine Campo, Director
GSCC



Music Ministry Choir Schedule

Every Wednesday

Beginning October 8, 2008

Little Sheep

4:30-5:00 PM

Heavenly Dove Bell Choir

5:00-5:45 PM

Beginning December 3, 2008

Interpretive Worship Team

5:45-6:30 PM

Shepherd Singers

6:30-7:00 PM

Jubilation Bell Choir starts on Wednesday October 8th, 2008 at 7:00 PM



Want to get in shape, but can't afford the gym? Come ring hand-bells with the **Celebration Bell Choir!** It's a great way to get those biceps and triceps into shape, and you're praising the Lord, too!

No experience necessary! **Practice begins October 1, 2008 7:30 PM**

Call Amber Brown
for more information
732-730-8623

FUTURE EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars Now

October

October 4th Prudente Wedding 11:00 AM

October 5th Annual Church Picnic

October 19th Congregational Meeting

November

November 16th Congregational Meeting

November 23rd Loyalty Sunday

November 26th Thanksgiving Eve Service @ 7:30 PM

November 27th Happy Thanksgiving – Office Closed

November 28th Office Closed

December

December 13th Care Center Christmas Program

December 14th Sunday School Christmas Program

December 24th Office Closed till December 29th

December 24th Christmas Eve Service @ 7:30 PM & 11:00 PM

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The Rev. William A. Qualman, Pastor

Sunday Communion Service

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Sunday School 9:15 AM

Adult & Teen Bible Classes – 9:15 AM

Youth Fellowship Meetings 2nd Sunday of
each month

Worship Services

GS Children's Center

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God's love at work here!