

The Staff

The Newsletter of the Lutheran Church
of the Good Shepherd

Our Mission:

To equip God's people for ministry with a vision to share God's Word!

September 2010

“WE ARE US”



In 597 BC it all finally unraveled. The political situation in the land of Judah had deteriorated. The Babylonian empire defeated its neighbors including Judea along with Jerusalem itself. The leaders of the Jewish people were carried into exile. Now, what would become of the Jewish people? How were they going to maintain their faith?

They could remember their prayers. They could gather and recite memorized passages of Scripture. But how were they to pass their faith on to their children? How were they to keep their own faith alive and vibrant?

How do we keep our faith alive? How do WE pass on the faith to the next generation? That is always a critical question. We at Good Shepherd have already approached the “how” in several ways. Over the years, Good Shepherd has encouraged our Early Childhood School and staff.

We provide Christian education for our families and our children through the Sunday school program. This year we will be experimenting with a new way of providing confirmation instruction.

We are Us! Let us never forget that. So many words of “thanks” need to go out to our Sunday School teachers who volunteer to lead our children. A “thank you” should go to our Sunday School superintendent and our Coordinator of Christian Education along with our Early Childhood staff for all their work and dedication.

September 12th we celebrate Rally Day, the kick-off to our reactivated Christian Education program. I earnestly solicit your prayers on behalf of all who are involved.

Thank you for your unwavering support for our primary mission to the next generation and I pray that you yourself will take advantage of the opportunities to grow and nurture your faith through our upcoming adult education opportunities.

Pastor Bill Qualman

Help Kids Grow Their Friendships



ParentLink

Friends are vital to children's emotional and social development. Through friendships, kids learn to share, set boundaries, make decisions, and respect others. Having friends also makes children feel supported, which boosts their self-esteem.

With a new school year right around the corner, many children are thinking about reuniting with classmates and friends. But fears about bullies may also exist. No child is immune to mistreatment by peers. Here are some ways to help kids develop love, respect, and kindness toward one another while maintaining a healthy sense of self.

Love each other. Help children make the connection between how Jesus loves and cares for us and how he wants us to love and care for one another. Make the Golden Rule a top priority in your home ("Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you," Matthew 7:12).

Agree to disagree. Children need to hear and learn that it's okay to disagree with others because God made us all different. But it's never okay to hurt someone with our words or actions.

Everyone's important. Help children find the acceptance and recognition they seek by focusing on activities and behavior standards that are positive, fun, and rewarding. Guiding kids toward loving themselves is key to helping them love other people.

Tips from Children's Ministry Magazine

Ages 2 to 4: Young children depend on others to help them develop social skills. Use praise to reinforce good behavior, such as sharing. Help children refine their negotiation skills to resolve conflicts. Give them ideas of what to say.

Ages 5 to 8: Kids this age are learning to choose their friends. Their self-image is

strongly related to others' opinions of them. To help a bully, emphasize respect and model how to handle conflict without anger.

Ages 9 to 12: Parental authority diminishes, and kids want to be with their friends more. Discuss the qualities of a good friend and the downside of cliques and gangs.

Ask God:

1. To help your children make positives, lasting friendships.
2. To give your children the confidence to speak up about bullying.
3. To show your family members how to befriend one another.

Teachable Moments: Jesus, our ultimate Friend, sacrifices his life for us. We can follow his example by showing love and devotion to our friends and family members.

- **Stick with Love** – Buy some stickers that have messages about friendship, and let children pass them out to friends.
- **Time to Reflect** – Let babies and toddlers see themselves and their playmates in mirrors. Say names aloud as children see the reflection so they can begin to attach names to other people.
- **Keep in Touch** – during summer, help children send postcards to their friends. Even if postcards aren't from a trip, correspondence will teach kids about nurturing their special relationships.
- **After You** – Challenge family members to put other people first for a whole day. Say: "See what it's like to open doors for others, let everyone go in front of you in line, let others be served first, let others choose what to watch or play, and so on." Living like this may feel a little weird, but that's what Jesus did for us! Pray together, and have each person pray for someone else in the family.

WHY WE STRUGGLE IN GIVING

Submitted by Pat Pryor



Jesus gave us all His one and only Son (John 3:16). Just as Jesus gave, we are enabled by God's grace to be giving people. For Christians, giving is not an option. We are to give our firstfruits generously and joyfully out of gratitude for Who God is and what He has done and continues to

do for us. So why don't Christians give as they should?

The following are some reasons people don't give more:

1. **Spiritual problems.** People act as owners of their things rather than stewards. They readily acknowledge God as the owner with their lips but not with their hearts and actions. Those lacking an intimate relationship with Jesus do not make giving a priority.
2. **Financial problems.** The average credit card debt per household is approximately \$8,000. Many don't manage their money wisely. Until we spend less money than we make, we will find that money is tight and unavailable for giving generously.
3. **Compartmentalization.** We compartmentalize when we divide our lives into competing parts. If we disconnect God from the managing of our money, He is not in control, and we are prone to hoard money rather than give it.
4. **Limited vision.** We are apt to give less than we are capable if we do not understand all that our church or other Christian organizations are doing. If we understand and relate to the vision and mission of the church or organizations seeking our contributions, we will give generously.
5. **Limited relationships.** People give more when they are connected to the church or Christian organization through relationships. If good relationships exist with the pastor or church leaders or even other members, people tend to be more generous.

If we are struggling in our giving, we need to seek God's strength to grow in our faith and trust in Him. It is only by God's grace that we can be empowered to grow in the grace of giving.

May God help us all grow in His love and grace so we become the generous givers He wants us to be.

Two Friends

Two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey, they had an argument; and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand, today my best friend slapped me in the face ... They kept on walking, until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath.

The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but the friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone: 'today my best friend saved my life'. The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him, 'after I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write on a stone, why?' the friend replied 'when someone hurts us we should write it down in sand, where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it' learn to write your hurts in the sand and to carve your benefits in stone.

LAUNCHING A NEW YEAR



Sunday School News

As I write this, we are just weeks away from beginning a new year of Sunday school. I took a hiatus for several years

to tend to family and personal needs of the time. I am back as Sunday school superintendent and looking forward to an exciting year that will be full of change.

Fall is a great time. It is a time when the leaves begin to change, the weather begins to cool off and the opportunities for learning and teaching are endless. We are making some changes to the program, incorporating music for the Pre-K and Kindergarten class with a plan to move the music ministry to first and second grade later in the year.

Rally day -- will kick off the first day of Sunday school – with an opening in the church and the launch of several of our educational programs. Unfortunately, I will be traveling on business but I know the team that will be hosting this fun day and I am confident it will be wonderful.

We will be asking for a free will offering to defer the cost of the Teaching and Student materials. Any amount is greatly appreciated!

So in case you are asking why my children should go to Sunday school I came up with the following reasons. I am sure if I sat here longer I could come up with several more!

- Children can learn a fundamental grounding of morals and values from an early age. In a world that seems void of morals, children need a place where they can be encouraged in a moral lifestyle. (Especially since morals are

often not taught in schools.)

- Many young children have a natural curiosity about God and spirituality. Taking them to Sunday school allows for them to have some of their questions answered and helps them to grow in a spiritual atmosphere.

- Learning about the Bible is beneficial for the child from an educational standpoint. These texts are often quoted and referred to in everyday life and it is a benefit to the child to have knowledge of them.

- Sending children to Sunday school can encourage discipline while helping to cultivate your child's relationships with their peers and elders.

Well these are my thoughts for the month! Hope to see you at our fellowship coffee hour while your children have the wonderful opportunity to learn about our Lord and interact with children that will be their friends for years to come.

Here is a glimpse of some of the fun things being planned!

SEPTEMBER - Rally Day

OCTOBER - Kicking off the Cherub Choir and our annual Church Picnic

DECEMBER - the Children's Christmas Pageant

See you **September 12th** for Rally Day.

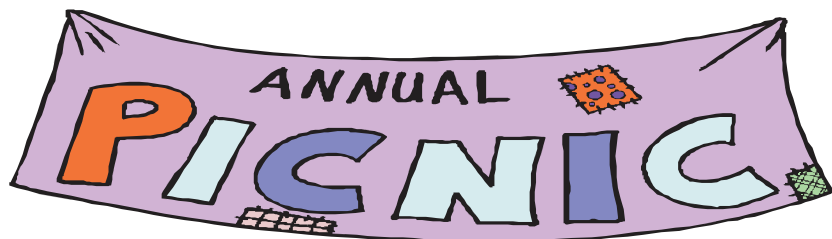
MORE TO COME!!!!

Yours in Christ,
Lorraine Morrison

THANK YOU

Alison Schulmeister says thank you to her Church family for the scholarship monies given to her.

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## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kickoff Event Church Picnic

On the first Sunday in October, 1960, 109 children and adults (30 families) attended the first worship service of **The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd** at Alan B. Shephard, Jr., School on Bushnell Road. To mark this historic event and the beginning of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year we will hold a church picnic on Sunday, October 3rd, 12 noon **rain or shine**.

Over the summer the committee has been meeting to plan a very special day.

To celebrate the ethnic and cultural diversity of our congregation we are asking the members to bring side dishes and/or desserts to represent their particular background. The men's ministry has graciously offered to man the grill and cook up the traditional hot dogs, hamburgers, and chicken. I understand they may even surprise us with a special dish. Of course there will be plenty of soda, water, ice tea, and lemonade to drink.

Music will be supplied by our own "Joshua's Trumpet" and Pat Bowen's group "The Church Street Ramblers". We can look forward to another "jamming" session when the two groups work together.

What would a picnic be without some fun activities? We are planning balloon sculptures, face and nail painting, a balloon toss and egg toss.

As an added bonus each family that attends will receive a special gift as a souvenir.

To help defray the cost we are asking for a donation of \$5 per person or \$10 per family.

So what are you waiting for? Paid sign ups will begin September 12<sup>th</sup> with September 26<sup>th</sup> being the cutoff date. We hope everyone will attend this special day.

Toni Pryor, Picnic Committee Chair





## LYF IN NEW ORLEANS



The 2010 Gathering theme, "We Believe" was an intentional emphasis and celebration of the coming together as the family of believers. Just as many of us already do in worship, we celebrated our time in New Orleans speaking the Apostles Creed together, saying, "I believe in God the Father Almighty . . . and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord . . . and in the Holy Spirit." What an amazing confession of corporate faith – we believe this together as baptized people of God brought to faith by the power of the Holy Spirit, who has claimed each one of us in baptism and equips us to live as His people day after day.

**BUT THESE ARE WRITTEN THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, AND THAT BY BELIEVING YOU MAY HAVE LIFE IN HIS NAME. JOHN 20:31**

We were welcomed to New Orleans with heat and humidity that hit us like a ton of bricks. But it was more than just that as we walked through the airport to our awaiting van. We were met with EXCITEMENT! You could feel the buzz of excitement all around the city as thousands (over 25,000 to be exact) arrived from all over the country and from around the world. The streets of New Orleans were filled with bright lime green backpacks. You couldn't walk 5 feet without seeing a backpack and being asked from what part of the country you hailed. There were free hugs being distributed all over the city and high fives all around. But we shared more than just the backpacks, hugs and high fives. We shared a common faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. That could clearly be heard as the roof rocked in the Superdome, as the streets of the city were filled with song, and the hugs and high fives were shared.

But it was more than just those of us who were attending the gathering. The commonality of faith could be felt as citizens of New Orleans stopped their cars in the middle of the street to shake our hands, say thank you, and ask for or offer up prayer. The

evidence could be seen on Tuesday night at the Superdome, when the dome was filled to capacity with the gathering participants as well as with the citizens of New Orleans for a Worship Celebration that exceeded expectation.

As a family group we met each night to talk about our day's experiences and highs and lows. The biggest high for all of us was the time we spent at our servant event. We were assigned to Hope Lutheran Church in the 9th ward. This church was completely destroyed during hurricane Katrina. Several of their members lost their lives during the hurricane, most to heart attacks, but 2 were drowning victims. Most of their members lost their homes. We were able to see the devastation first hand. But more important we witnessed their faith and their survival. The church has been re-built, many members have returned and re-built their homes and they have been able to minister to even more people in their community. What an amazing story of faith and survival they shared with us. In 105 degree heat we helped clean-up the park across the street as well as evangelize to people in the community.

Coming in a close second to the servant event were the nightly mass events at the Superdome. We rocked the roof with song. We chanted "We Believe" until our voices were hoarse. We became involved with the nightly skit, wondering how it would all end at the worship event. We cried together as stories of faith were shared. We laughed together and we danced. What amazing events these were and they spilled into the streets as we went back to our hotels. The streets were filled with song, laughter, prayer, hugs and high fives as we walked the mile or so back to our hotels. I don't think Bourbon Street will ever be the same.

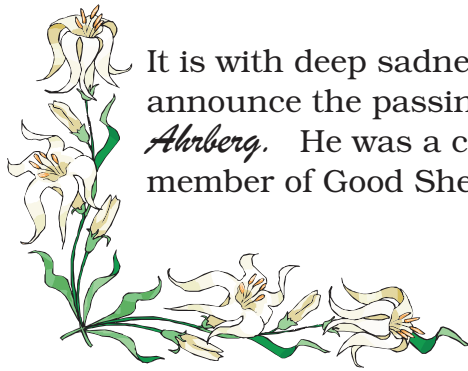
But it wasn't all fun and laughter. The heat and humidity was unbearable. The days were long and there was a great lack of sleep. Our feet hurt from the miles we walked every day. Pastor Ben had his pedometer with him, but we gave up counting on day one, when we hit 7 miles and we still had a long

way to go before the day was done. But, the food was great. We ate lots of seafood and even tried alligator. But believe me the highs greatly outweighed the lows. All the way back to NJ the LYF had a new chant: "2013 in San Antonio!"

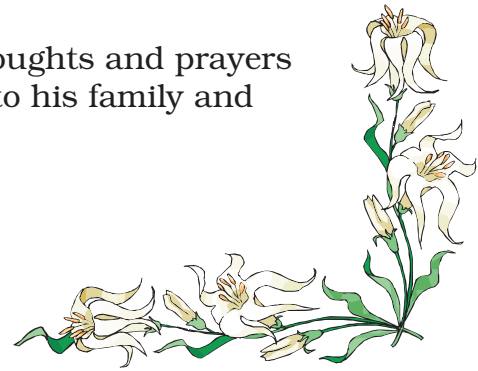
The LYF has brought a piece of New Orleans and the gathering back to NJ in more ways than one. First of all, we purchased a Communion ware set to be given to the Confirmation and LYF programs. This set will be used for the distribution of communion at

confirmation retreats and LYF events. The LYF has prepared a DVD of pictures to share with the congregation. We have many stories to share...just ask anyone who attended, they will be more than happy to share with you their own amazing experiences and stories of faith and New Orleans.

Respectfully Submitted, Beth Meyer



It is with deep sadness we announce the passing of *Bill Ahlberg*. He was a charter member of Good Shepherd.



Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.



*Those Recovering*

**Michele Carlson**  
**Michael Junco**  
**Brigitte Meitzner**

*Those in Nursing Homes*

**Tom Qualman**  
**Emmy Moore** –sister of Katrina Clapsis  
**Leela Mallepalle**

*Those who are Shut-in*

**Marion Morgan**  
**Joan Brenner**  
**Josie Schubert** –mother of Mary Artache

*Those with Other Needs*

**Carmen Artache** – mother of Julio  
**Cookie Rose** – sister of Marie Bergfeldt  
**Zak Brown** – son of Amber & Steve  
**Nicole Stacy**  
**Margaret Yager** – Mother of Barbara Yager  
**Olivia Rae Vargas** – niece of Sue Hawley  
**Gloria Carias**  
**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

*Those Struggling with Cancer*

**Ed Siclari**  
**Vinny Campo** – husband of Care Center Director  
**Elaine Bosco**, sister of RoseMarie Staudinger  
**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  
**Karen Ollivierre**, daughter of Barbara Wittig

*Those in the Military*

**Jason Lefkowitz** – friend of the Bergfeldt's  
**Nelson Junco** – nephew of Millie Junco (in Afghanistan)  
**Patrick Grimes** – grandson of Joan Brenner  
**Jeff Borkowski**  
**Dustin Brown**  
**Jeff Kotora**  
**Guy Kotora**  
**Brian Borkowski** –nephew of the Borkowski's  
**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

*Please review the list, and let Marie know if there are any changes. Thank You*

# For Your Information



## Happy Birthday to...

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| Joan Hullings        | 9/1  |
| Brian Puricelli      | 9/1  |
| Ebenezer Mallepalle  | 9/1  |
| Jamie Toth           | 9/2  |
| Rosemarie Staudinger | 9/3  |
| Nicholas Massa       | 9/4  |
| Ryan Flynn-Stead     | 9/4  |
| Randy Seesman        | 9/5  |
| Kayla Breitweiser    | 9/8  |
| David Palmer         | 9/9  |
| Pauline Skrok        | 9/10 |
| Gail Previte         | 9/11 |
| Robert Allen         | 9/15 |
| Dean Olson           | 9/16 |
| Annette Olsen        | 9/16 |
| Robert Shipley       | 9/19 |
| Emily Jocus          | 9/20 |
| Ryan McGrade         | 9/21 |
| Jessica Waite        | 9/22 |
| John Coluzzi         | 9/24 |
| Eddie La Flower      | 9/24 |
| Silvia Herbert       | 9/25 |
| Laura Allen          | 9/25 |
| AJ Brown             | 9/25 |
| Matthew Ealem        | 9/26 |
| Gloria Carias        | 9/27 |
| Steven Humiston      | 9/28 |
| Anthony Massa        | 9/28 |
| Robert Kotora        | 9/30 |
| Kristen Raba         | 9/30 |
| Kaitlyn Svat         | 9/30 |

## Happy Anniversary to.....

|                               |      |
|-------------------------------|------|
| Brian & Bonnie Lo             | 9/1  |
| Jill & Timothy O'Connor       | 9/6  |
| John & Sherri Cocklin         | 9/7  |
| Gail & Joe Previte            | 9/9  |
| Tom & Joanne Jocus            | 9/10 |
| Bill & Christine Bleistein    | 9/12 |
| Ed & Yvonne Siclari           | 9/13 |
| Jung & Christine Kim          | 9/17 |
| Enrique & Millie Junco        | 9/17 |
| Thomas & Randi Rutan          | 9/17 |
| Jovina & Michael Donaghue     | 9/20 |
| Wayne & Marianne Krawiec      | 9/23 |
| Arthur & Rosemarie Staudinger | 9/25 |
| David & Alexis Dill           | 9/27 |

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## GOOD SHEPHERD NURSERY

Do you have a child between the ages of 6 months and 4 years old?

Would you like to attend Sunday morning services but find yourself focusing on your little one instead of worshipping?

Do you know someone that would like to attend worship services but stay home because of their little ones?

If you've answered yes to any of these questions, Good Shepherd Nursery is here for you!! The Nursery is

committed to providing a safe, secure, fun and nurturing Christian environment for your young children. Nursery volunteers will play with your children, read to them, and assist with crafts while you attend the 10:30 Sunday service.

When you drop off your child, you and your child will receive matching wristbands and you will be provided with a vibrating pager (just in case we need you ~ don't worry, no unnecessary beeping while you're worshipping our Lord).

We look forward to starting the foundation for learning about God and His kingdom at the children's level. The Nursery doors open at 10:15 am to welcome children ages 6 months to 4 years old (they graduate once they turn five or start Kindergarten).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Amy Ford at 908.239.7738 or stop and chat with any of the volunteers listed below. We also welcome new volunteers, so if you're 18 years old and interested in servicing God while playing with children, please contact Amy.

Your co-workers in Christ,

Amy Ford\*, Adrianna Salzer, Christine Bleistein, Jenn Bergfeldt, Jill O'Connor, Terri Campbell, Shari Turk, & Sherri Hill



## UPDATE ON THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK

### OUR CHURCH COOKBOOK



As the summer ends, we are happy to report that the Cookbook Committee worked very hard these past few months in gathering and entering all of the delicious recipes that have been prepared over the years by many in the congregation both past and present!

At first, we didn't know how successful we would be in collecting recipes. We set a goal of 150 and Jamie signed in and added a dessert recipe and advised how easy it was to input the 1<sup>st</sup> recipe and sent out an email to the Committee stating, "1 recipe in and 149 to go!" and that seemed over-whelming to all of us. But as the days and weeks went by, we would see the numbers increase, and we were so glad to see that the Congregation was as excited about the cookbook as we were! I am happy to report that we now have **1 + 249 recipes...a total of 250 recipes.** Thank you to everyone who submitted recipes!

We held a contest over the summer to "Name the Cookbook" and over 25 entries were submitted. At this time, the Committee has yet to choose the winning name, but that will be revealed in the October Staff!

We will be having a pre-sale of the cookbook starting September 19<sup>th</sup>, at the cost of \$15/cookbook; the official sale price will be \$20/cookbook. These cookbooks will be spiral bound, whereby you will be able to fold it over so it will be easy to use. ***Start thinking of your Christmas lists, as these cookbooks are perfect for gift giving!***

We are also hoping to provide samples of a few recipes after each 10:30 a.m. service starting September 19<sup>th</sup> so you can taste what's in the cookbook!

If you have any questions, please reach out to any of the Cookbook Committee members: Laurie Burke, Linda Cinquegrana, Kathy Hogan, June Hullings, Carol Kershaw, Jill O'Connor, Lisa Qualman, Adrianna Salzer, Justin Salzer, Rosemarie Staudinger, and Jamie Toth.

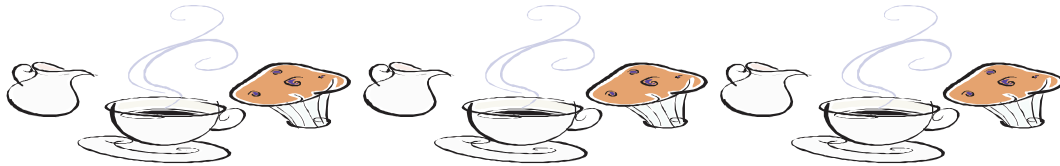
May God bless you all.

Adrianna Salzer



## ACOLYTES

Any 6<sup>th</sup> grader (and up) that would like to serve as an acolyte, please let the church office or Marilyn Olson know.



## RALLY DAY KICKS OFF THE SUNDAY ADULT COFFEE HOUR

Hello everyone and welcome to another year of The Adult Coffee Hour while the kids are in Sunday School. We begin again on RALLY DAY while the kids are being registered for Sunday School. Hope to see all the familiar faces and some new ones!



This starts our 9th year of our Breakfast Club; we will once again be serving up coffee, tea, and fellowship to the parents, guardians, and adult visitors whenever there is a Sunday School Hour. Here you can meet & greet new people, or relax and catch-up with someone you haven't seen in a while. Many of us go off to Adult Study Classes at 9:30, and some of us stay behind just to talk and visit with friends.

Don't know anyone? No Problem! Most of us didn't know each other before coming here. This Coffee Hour is about FELLOWSHIP and making people feel comfortable. If we succeed, you will be more likely to join us another time in the future. If you do join us, just be aware that Coffee Hour has 4 basic rules (after RALLY DAY SUNDAY):

1. **WE ARE A KID FREE ZONE\***. For practical reasons, conversation flows more easily on adult topics with no children present. Children & teens should be in class. ( \* This has never applied to babies or toddlers. We define "Adult" for Coffee Hour purposes as a senior in High School or older.)
2. **WE ARE A SELF-SUPPORTING MINISTRY.** There is a "free will" basket for donations. All of your money is used to support the coffee club with the purchase of supplies. An accounting is provided.
3. **PARENTS, FEED YOUR CHILDREN AT HOME.** We plan our supplies for the adults' use, and any leftovers are put out at the end for the children to take.
4. **VOLUNTEERS MAKE US HAPPEN BY COMMITTING TO A SMALL PART OF THE TASK** Give Eileen your name, phone #, and email address. **More Volunteers means less work for everyone.** Can't Commit – pitch in at clean up time by washing a coffee pot or breaking down the table & chairs.

If you are relatively new to the church or never have had the occasion to stop in before, feel free to join us between 9:15 am and 10:15 am when Sunday School is in session. We meet in the Educational Wing.

Submitted by, Eileen Loughman



# FUTURE EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER 2010

**Saturday Evening Services at 5:00 PM – September 4, 11, 18, 25**

|                          |                                   |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>September 15</b>      | Celebration Bells Begins          |
| <b>September 17 – 19</b> | Confirmation 1 Retreat            |
| <b>September 21</b>      | Book Club @ Puricelli's 7:30 pm   |
| <b>September 26</b>      | Princess Retreat Planning Meeting |

## OCTOBER 2010

**Saturday Evening Services at 5:00 PM – October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

|                   |                                                  |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <b>October 3</b>  | Kick off for 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic |
|                   | Confirmation first learning event @ 6:00 pm      |
| <b>October 14</b> | 50th Anniversary Meeting                         |

## NOVEMBER 2010

**Saturday Evening Services at 5:00 PM – November 6, 13, 20, 27**

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <b>November 8</b>           | Outreach Meeting                           |
| <b>November 9</b>           | Book club                                  |
| <b>November 13</b>          | <b>Craft Fair</b>                          |
| <b>November 14</b>          | Congregational Meeting & Learning Event    |
| <b>November 24</b>          | Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service @ 7:30 pm |
| <b>November 25 &amp; 26</b> | Church Office Closed – Happy Thanksgiving  |

## DECEMBER 2010

**Saturday Evening Services at 5:00 PM – December 4, 11, 18, 25**

|                    |                                             |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <b>December 5</b>  | Learning Event                              |
| <b>December 11</b> | Care Center Christmas program               |
| <b>December 13</b> | Outreach meeting                            |
| <b>December 18</b> | Sunday School Christmas Pageant rehearsal   |
| <b>December 19</b> | Sunday School Christmas Pageant at 10:30 am |
| <b>December 24</b> | Christmas Eve Services at 7:30 and 11:00 pm |
| <b>December 25</b> | Christmas Day Service at 10:00 am           |
| <b>December 31</b> | New Years' Eve Worship Service at 7:30 pm   |

**Church office will be closed on December 6, 24, and 31**

# Good Shepherd Celebrates 50 Years of Service

The Good Shepherd Anniversary Planning Committee is busy with upcoming events for the 2010-2011 Celebration. We are scheduling one event per month beginning with our Church picnic on October 3rd, 2010, immediately following the 10:30 service. We still have several activities/events that need a lead coordinator identified, so if you see something that you would like to lead, please contact someone from the Committee.

We'll be calling on **everyone from the congregation** to help contribute **memorabilia and pictures**, so if you have some available, keep that in mind. The Committee is Marianne Krawiec, Jamie Toth, Gail Ferrara, Debbie Onorato, Faith Caban, and Toni Pryor.

| Month                       | Event                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Event Coordinator             |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <del>Overall Activity</del> | <del>Good Shepherd souvenir Cookbook</del>                                                                                                                                                                        | <del>Jamie Toth</del>         |
| <b>October 3, 2010</b>      | Kick-off event with Church Picnic immediately following 10:30 service                                                                                                                                             | Toni Pryor                    |
| <b>November 2010</b>        | All Saints Day, Nov. 1, Remembering deceased Good Shepherd members                                                                                                                                                | <b>Coordinator needed</b>     |
| <b>December 2010</b>        | Past Christmas pageants, Christmas Caroling<br>GS Cookbook Sales                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Coordinator needed</b>     |
| <b>January 2011</b>         | History of church (in pictures), History of board of Lay ministry and past and present ministers                                                                                                                  | <b>Coordinator needed</b>     |
| <b>February 2011</b>        | History of LYF and LYF plays<br>10 year vision of GS developed by Youth Group                                                                                                                                     | <b>Coordinator needed</b>     |
| <b>March 2011</b>           | First communion Classes and First Confirmation Classes (past pictures, interviews with past confirmees)<br><br>Collect previous Confirmation banners (ask congregation to donate) and hang in the fellowship hall | <b>Coordinator needed</b>     |
| <b>April 2011</b>           | Easter Breakfast, Past Easter pictures from congregation, Easter egg hunt                                                                                                                                         | <b>Coordinator needed</b>     |
| <b>May 2011</b>             | History of the Shepherd Players, Reprise of the first GS Play, <i>God's Favorite</i> (Neil Simon)                                                                                                                 | Marianne Krawiec,<br>Director |
| <b>June 2011</b>            | Music Ministry (past organists, JT, Bell choirs, Music Sundays)                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Coordinator needed</b>     |
| <b>July 2011</b>            | Children's Center history<br>Who's that in the pew?                                                                                                                                                               | Debbie Onorato                |
| <b>August 2011</b>          | No event scheduled                                                                                                                                                                                                |                               |
| <b>September 2011</b>       | Rally Day - History of Sunday School and VBS (past superintendents)                                                                                                                                               | <b>Coordinator needed</b>     |
| <b>October 2011</b>         | Celebration Service and dinner                                                                                                                                                                                    | Faith Caban                   |

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**Worship Services**

**Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30 AM**  
**Sunday School at 9:15 AM**  
**Bible Classes at 9:30 AM**

**Saturday Evening Service @ 5:00 PM**  
**Summer worship services end on**  
**September 5, 2010**

Youth Fellowship Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of  
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