

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!

November 2010

50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS:

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, October 2, 2011

To honor and commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Good Shepherd, the 50th Anniversary Committee is planning a gala event on Sunday October 2nd, 2011 at the Palms (343 State Route 34, Matawan). If you have any question, please see anyone from the 50th anniversary committee. (Marie Bergfeldt, Faith Caban, Gayle Ferreira, Marianne Krawiec, Debbie Onorato, Toni Pryor or Jamie Toth)



The 2nd Annual Craft Festival will be held on
Saturday, November 13th, 2010.

Come start your Christmas shopping. Sit and have some lunch
or a cup of coffee and a piece of pie.

Saturday, November 13th from 10:00 – 4:00



ANNIVERSARY KICKOFF



As I drove to church the morning of October 3rd, there was a mixture of sun and clouds and I prayed silently that God would give us a rain free day for our kickoff picnic. And He did! After the 10:30 service the sun came out and presented us with a lovely day.

At noon about 150 people congregated on the church grounds. Board Vice President Faith Caban introduced our visiting dignitaries, President Klettke and Pastor Schonberg. She then read a letter of good wishes from Pastor Johnson. Next our own Pastor Ben Mallepalle gave the blessing. With the formalities done it was time to start the picnic!

Our men's ministry graciously manned the grill producing a mixture of hot dogs, hamburgers, and chicken. An added treat was the pulled pork made by Tommy Doukas. Meanwhile Linda Cinquegrana and Kathy Hogan brought out dish after dish of marvelous food made by members of the congregation. We are happy to hear that many of the dishes' recipes are included in our own church cookbook.

On the hillside Abby Eaton, Leslie Green, and Linda Gustafson led children and adults in a variety of games, while under the tree Emily Jocus, Kelly Doran, and Stephanie Olson

decorated both youngsters and adults with their fabulous face painting. Also under the tree was Tony Hansen, who delighted all with his whimsical balloon sculptures.

And we were not lacking for musical entertainment. Joshua's Trumpet and The Church Street Ramblers took turns serenading us with a variety of music. We are thankful for their donation of time and talent.

By 3:30 we were all pleasantly full, tired, and it was time to clean up and go home. A good time was had by all.

I would like to thank my committee for their hard work in the planning, preparation and execution of the picnic. My kudos to Linda Cinquegrana, Abby Eaton, Kathy Hogan, Elaine Morin, Carol Kershaw, and Maureen Puricelli.

Old Bridge mayor, James Phillips, was unable to attend the picnic due to illness. He did issue a proclamation of congratulations to Good Shepherd and it can be seen on display in the Narthex. While you are in the Narthex look for pictures of the picnic on the television.

Toni Pryor
Committee Chair

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

Submitted by Eileen Sabino-Loughman



Many of the wonderful members of Good Shepherd have recently made a decision to recommit their efforts to strengthen our church community. If you are of a like mind, I invite you to get involved with a committee or group, or volunteer in some capacity that fits your schedule.

There are many opportunities to do just that and you would be strengthening the ranks of the wonderful volunteers who make things happen here at Good Shepherd while doing work in His name.

Perhaps you have a natural gift with people? Outreach or Family Life might be the place for you. Perhaps you have a limited amount of time to commit but could do it on a regular basis? Lawn Mowing, Buildings & Grounds, Money Counters, and others might like to talk to you. Perhaps you've sat in congregational meetings when financial information is discussed and thought, "There has to be another way"? Stewardship Committee would like to talk to you.

The Stewardship Umbrella covers 3 areas: Time, Talent, and yes, Treasury. We have worked hard through our Ministry Festivals to exhibit & demonstrate the time and the talent of the many Good Shepherd volunteers. [I truly believe that if you "own" a small part of your church, you will be that much more connected to it and the other congregational members.] Treasury is an important Stewardship area: We organize the November Pledge Mailing, and order & maintain the donation envelopes. [For those with confidentiality concerns, I give you my assurance that the committee never sees personalized information. On occasion, Tony Puricelli* will present us with a breakdown of giving \$ thresholds and the # of envelopes that fall

within each range. This same information was given to you at the August 28 meeting.] Learning to be Good Stewards is a lifelong exercise. Some people will always find it distasteful to discuss money when things are tough. Some people will always have difficulty making a time commitment. All of our reasons deserve to be respected because stewardship is something we must each decide for ourselves in our own time.

I have digressed above by describing our goals and some strategies: I want you to understand how welcome a new idea would be. I want you to understand how very welcome a fresh set of eyes, or another pair of hands, would be. I invite you, reading this article, to come to a Stewardship Committee meeting and know that your input and contribution would be valued. Stewardship meets about 9 times a year. (Not too time consuming!) We communicate our agenda ahead of time by email so you have an opportunity to prepare or express a point of view; this helps to keep our meetings brief.

If I have succeeded at all in provoking your interest, please speak with myself, or any member of this committee to learn more. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Eileen Loughman, Stewardship Chair
Committee Members include: Abby Eaton, Carol Hahl, Pat Pryor, and Tony Puricelli.
[Imagine what we could accomplish with more members on board!]

*Tony Puricelli is Good Shepherd's Financial Secretary, as well as a member of this committee.



DO YOU KNOW?

Sunday School News

Do you know that Sunday school is not merely a time to educate? It's a time for each child to be drawn into a closer relationship with God through prayer, praise and learning in the company of others in the faith community. The first Sunday of every month we gather with the entire Sunday school to hear and celebrate the Lord's word through skits and songs. Our openings are an opportunity to sing, pray, practice giving, learn about the seasons of the church year and liturgy, and engage in total group activities. Parents are always welcome to join us!

Do you know that our Sunday school ministry incorporates projects and teaches faithful stewardship as a way to encourage an active expression of discipleship? We are proud of the creative ways we strive to teach stewardship and care of creation which are focused on reinforcing the understanding that all of life is a gift from God. We thank Abby Eaton, Coordinator of Children's Stewardship, for leading this effort!

Do you know that memory work is a valuable component in Christian education and throughout the year children (as age appropriate) will be memorizing books of the Bible, selected scripture passages, the catechism, and parts of the liturgy as an important way to build a firm foundation for lifelong discipleship? Memory work is accomplished by way of songs, games, and interactive learning activities.

Do you know that Sunday school is not merely a time to educate? It's a time for each child

Do you know that each of the Sunday school teachers and their assistants are volunteers that have discovered their gift of teaching? Remember God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things in the lives of others! Well the year is going by quickly and so much has taken place already. We launched the new school year with Rally Day, enjoyed our church Picnic and are now looking forward to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays! Don't forget those important dates that are coming up.

November 7 – Sunday school opening in the sanctuary

November 28 – Thanksgiving weekend – no Sunday school classes

December 5 – Sunday school opening in the sanctuary

December 18 – (Saturday) Practice for the Sunday school Pageant

December 19 – (Sunday) the children perform the Sunday school Pageant during the 10:30 AM service.

December 26 – no Sunday school classes until after the New Year!

January 9 – Sunday school classes resume – welcome back!

Yours in Christ
Lorraine Morrison,
Sunday School Superintendant

We Gather Together to ask the Lord's Blessings.



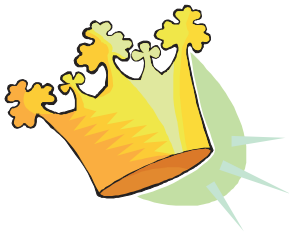
M-M-M-M-M ! Smell the Turkey cooking in Grandma's kitchen. Fresh baked Pumpkins Pies, Corn on the Cob, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, and Fruit Salad with whip cream all sitting upon the table. It is the day to Feast on the best cooking of the year. It is Thanksgiving Day!

All of your family - cousins too - will join together to give Thanks to God for all of their blessings, and of course eat and eat until you can eat no more. Thanksgiving is a harvest festival. That is why it is celebrated in the late fall, after the crops are in.

In the Bible God tells us to celebrate a feast unto God three times a year. One of those is called "*The Feast of Ingathering.*" Today in America, we have proclaimed it as a national holiday - Thanksgiving.

"And the feast of Harvest, the first fruits of your labors, which you have sown in the field; and the feast of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you have gathered in the fruits of your labors from the field."
Exodus 23:16

The first Thanksgiving celebration in America is basically the story of the Pilgrims and their thankful community feast at Plymouth, Massachusetts.



Hear Ye, Hear Ye



Calling all **PRINCESSES**, Your presence is requested at the 5th annual
Princess Retreat. February 26 & 27th, 2011.

The cost is \$120.00 per person. This includes your shared hotel room, meals, materials, mission projects, and art supplies.

If you have any questions, please see Amber Brown, Marie Bergfeldt, or Jill O'Connor.



Coming off the high of the National Youth Gathering "I Believe" in New Orleans, the LYF members got busy and it doesn't look like they're ready to slow down anytime soon. If you have not yet stopped by to see the new and improved Youth Room, we invite you to do so. The walls have been painted bright colors, the tables have been painted, and a Graffiti Wall has been created. The Graffiti wall contains Bible passages and LYF designs displaying a variety of ideas and sentiment.

But, there is still much work to be done. The LYF have the following events tentatively scheduled:
Every Sunday – The LYF meets in the Youth Room at 9:15 AM. We are currently walking through a Bible Study entitled "Big Questions – God's Big Answers." In addition we are exploring how we can be more involved within the church, especially the Worship Service.

November 21, 2010 (12:30 – 3:00 PM) – LYF Play read-through – We will meet in the Youth Room to read through 2 plays. In addition to deciding which play we will perform, we will begin to assign parts. Anyone interested in being part of the play must attend. Please bring lunch.

LYF NEWS

December 5, 2010 – Play Rehearsals – Play rehearsals will take place on Sunday afternoons from 12:30 – 3:00 PM. Please bring your lunch or arrange to get lunch before we begin. We will take a few Sundays off for Christmas.

December 10, 2010 – Sayreville High School Madrigal Dinner – We had such a great time last year, we decided to do this again. We will enjoy a delicious dinner and a night filled with entertainment. Details to follow.

NJ District Youth Gathering – Traditionally held the last weekend of January. We will gather with youth from other churches in NJ in a weekend of fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth. Watch for Details in November/December.

February 12, 2011 – The LYF is currently planning for a church-wide event. Please plan for an evening of fun, good food, mystery, and a little adventure.

March 4 – 6, 2011 – LYF Play Weekend
Friday – Dress Rehearsal 8:00 PM
Saturday – Dinner Theater 6:00 PM
Sunday – Lunch Theater 1:00 PM

We encourage all of our young people grades 8-12 to participate in all of these wonderful events. In addition to the activities listed above, we will begin to plan additional happenings for the spring and maybe add a few more fellowship and servant events throughout the year. Please feel free to speak with Beth Meyer, Jeff Campbell, or Pastor Ben for additional details or questions.



New Bible Study Series

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Book of Acts of the Apostles

The book of acts is a condensed history of the early church. How the Holy Spirit authorized our spiritual forebears to carry out Jesus’ mandate to “be my witnesses throughout the world.” The same power is available to us; God has not left us at the mercy of our own weaknesses.

We will be studying the Book of Acts. Let’s learn how the Holy Spirit can “transform” us as the apostles were transformed; we too can live a God centered life, follow God’s healing and see God’s faithfulness. We will be working from Max Lucado’s study guide. If you’d like to purchase your own copy please let me, Cynthia McGrane, know. Classes will be held during Sunday school, so grab your coffee or tea and we’ll begin at 9:30 am in the Resource Room. “I will build my church and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it” Matt. 16:18



Scrip Program

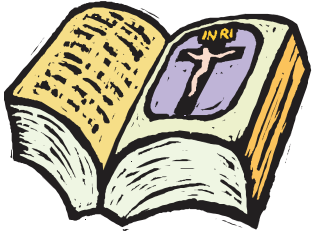
A Good Shepherd Fundraiser!

The Holidays are just around the corner and the Church will be ordering Scrip and Supermarket gift cards for your use. Please review your gift list and submit your orders online or at Church. Orders received at Church by check for Scrip and Supermarket orders later than mid-month will miss the cut-off for delivery 11-7! If the Church receives enough orders a double shipment can happen but this is solely based upon interest and how fast people are willing to commit. This is a fabulous and easy way to assist the Church! We also have a slated delivery date of December 5th for Christmas – Please Order ASAP. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email, phone or see me at Church!

Scrip can be purchased Online

For those of you who are computer savvy and would allow deductions directly from your own checking account, see scrip coordinators at the counter for additional details. For you folks it may be more desirable to go online, order whatever it is you want, and pay for it right from your own checking account. Pay for your next cruise, hotel, or airline tickets through this service, and the Church will benefit greatly.

Won’t you consider giving this a try?



BOOKS OF THE BIBLE CONTEST RULES FOR CONFIRMATION

- IF you can **RECITE ALL 66** books of the Bible in order in two minutes, THEN you can throw **ONE** whipped cream pie in Miss Amber's face
- IF you can **SING all 66 books** of the Bible to our CD track, then you can throw **TWO** whipped cream pies in Miss Amber's face
- IF your parents challenge you and **THEY** sing all 66 books of the Bible to our CD track - and you can't - then **THEY** get to throw a whipped cream pie in **YOUR** face!
- If you can **SING AND DANCE** all 66 books of the Bible to our CD track then you can throw **ONE** whipped cream pie in Mr. VanHandel's face!

**CONTEST ON FEBRUARY 13, 2011 @ 5:00 PM Prior to our Learning Event
SEE MISS AMBER TO SIGN UP FOR A CD OF THE "BOOKS OF THE BIBLE" SONG!**

WELCOME TO THE ADULT BREAKFAST CLUB

Now in our 9th year! This is a place for parents, guardians, and adult visitors to 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 and some of us stay behind and visit with friends. Don't know anyone else? No Problem! Most of us didn't know each other before coming here. This Coffee Hour is about **FELLOWSHIP**; making people feel comfortable. If we succeed, you will be more likely to join us another time in the future.

Coffee Hour has always had 4 basic rules:

- 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 money is used to support the coffee club with 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 will mean less work for everyone. Can't Commit – pitch in at clean up time by washing a coffee pot or breaking down the table and chairs.

If you are relatively new to the church or never 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.



Those Recovering

Michele Carlson
Michael Junco
Brigitte Meitzner
Christine McGrade

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

Jack Kaplan – nephew of Marie Bergfeldt
Zak Brown – son of Amber & Steve
Nicole Stacy
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

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...

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| Connor Jordan | 11/03 |
| Riley Wolven | 11/04 |
| Cathy Jordan | 11/06 |
| Joe Dimaggio | 11/06 |
| Ian Palmer | 11/10 |
| Gregory O'Connor | 11/12 |
| Audrey Ford | 11/12 |
| Debra Onorato | 11/13 |
| Meg Palmer | 11/14 |
| Mardell Bonfiglio | 11/15 |
| Kyle Eaton | 11/15 |
| Jenna Geyer | 11/15 |
| Zachary Cuisinier | 11/15 |
| Alisa Guzman | 11/16 |
| Don Van Handel | 11/17 |
| Paul Oliva | 11/17 |
| Bernadette Margolis | 11/17 |
| Richard Toth | 11/20 |
| Margaret George | 11/22 |
| Maureen Puricelli | 11/23 |
| Mary Artache | 11/24 |
| Micah Margolis | 11/24 |
| Linda Cinquegrana | 11/28 |
| Joseph Frank Massa | 11/30 |

Happy Anniversary to.....

| | |
|-------------------------|-------|
| David & Marie Bergfeldt | 11/06 |
| Robert & Sandra Shipley | 11/07 |
| Paul & Beth Oliva | 11/14 |
| Robert & Carol Hahl | 11/21 |
| Rudy & Karen Tucci | 11/21 |
| Eileen & Bill Sabino | 11/27 |

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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



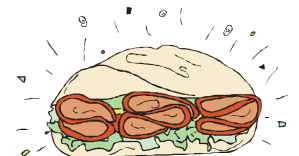
SOUP & SUB SHOP IS BACK



New items for this year will be salads, such as garden and chef salad. The soups selections will be changing from time to time and Linda will make announcements on them, but some of the selections will be: Split Pea, Minestrone, Potato Bacon, Chicken Tortilla, etc.

Keep your eyes, ears and tummies ready for upcoming Sub Shop events.

Thank you all for participating!
Linda



Good Shepherd Children's Center

WHAT'S NEW AT SCHOOL



The fall is my favorite time of year. The air is crisp and the holidays are right around the corner. I'm proud to say in November the children at GSCC will be making their annual donations and collections for families in need of a Thanksgiving dinner. Some families have already approached me about donating turkeys. We are going to try and help as many families as we can. There will be containers in the classrooms for the children to make their donations. On or about November 19th we will end the collection and pool the money together to buy gift cards from ShopRite. We will then distribute the cards to those families in need so they can purchase what they would like to have for their holiday dinner. A turkey will be provided as well. It's something we are proud to take part in every year.

Enjoy the rest of the season. Enjoy your families at Thanksgiving, and remember that every day is a gift.

Lorraine Campo
Director, GSCC

WORK DAY THANK YOU'S

On Saturday, October 16th, the following people came out and helped with our "Fall Clean-up Day". Thank you to all who participated.

Thanks

to our
Volunteers!



Laurie Burke, Andrew Cecil, Dylan Cecil,
Linda Cinquegrana, Stephanie Garafolo,
Monique Gouamba, Leslie Green, Linda Gustafson,
Ron Humiston, Lori Laflower, Don Landgraff,
Joe, Brenda and Daniel LoDrago, Eileen Loughman,
Mike and Dawn Margolis, Giselle D'Andrea,
Robert Ohliger, Pat Pryor, Maureen and Tony Puricelli,
Tom Rutan, Bob, Sandy and Jessica Shipley,
Nick Sommers, and Grace Wong.

YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY CHOIRS

The Cherub Choir is a new outlet for musical expression which incorporates upbeat, Scripture based songs. Music will be taught during the Sunday School class to the Pre K – K. Once a month the children will sing in church at the 10:30 service. Parents and family members are invited and encouraged to attend worship service to hear their little Cherubs sing!



The **Shepherd Singers** kick off will be on **Wednesday, December 1st**. The **Shepherd Singers** will rehearse Wednesday evenings beginning December 1 from 6:00-6:45. This choir is comprised of youth in grade 5-12 and introduces a more modern approach to praise and vocal worship. Music and worship education is continued with this choir and they participate in worship twice a month with a balance of contemporary Christian music and a cappella pieces. This choral opportunity enhances the spiritual development of our young people and gives glory to the Lord in worship.



The **Joyful Ringers** will rehearse Wednesday evenings beginning December 1 from 6:45-7:30. This is a beginner-intermediate hand bell choir for grades 5-12 that introduces proper bell technique, music vocabulary, composition and preliminary music theory. This choir plays during worship 3-4 times per year. The ability to read music is not a prerequisite but it is helpful. All skills and techniques will be taught during rehearsals.

Join us for another year of making a JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD!!!!

CHRISTMAS GREENERY SALE



The Women's Ministry is sponsoring a Christmas Greener Sale, selling wreathes and sprays.

The Greenery Sale will begin on **Nov. 13th** at the **Craft Festival** being held in our education wing.

A sample of the wreath that we will be selling will be showcased at the festival and will also be displayed on the counter on Sunday, Nov. 14th. We would like to encourage the entire congregation to reach outside of the church to family, friends and neighbors to help support our efforts in this sale.

We will have order forms and sales information sheets available at the counter to help in your sales efforts. Pick up for the greenery will be on Sunday, December 5th after both services.

Please help support the efforts of the Women's Ministry as they continue to support the **Brothers Keeper's Ministry** and other needs of Good Shepherd.

If you have any questions please contact Maureen Puricelli at 732-536-6202 or Abby Eaton at 732-679-4537.

BOARD BRIEFS

Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. –Psalm 25:4-5

The thought occurred that some members may be relatively new, and not know who the Board is or what they do. So this month the Board Briefs will start at the beginning. For those of you, who know this already, your patience is appreciated. The Administrative Board, commonly referred to as the “Board”, has 7 elected members by the congregation and Pastor as an *ex-officio* member. As per the Constitution and By-Laws of the LCGS, the “Board” administers to the temporal affairs of our church. If interested the following parts of the Constitution can be reviewed for additional explanation: Article 8; and the By-Laws Article 3 -- Article 6.

Several years back the way in which we elect the Board members was changed in the Constitution. It was agreed at that time that too many “green” Board members coming onto the Board at once would be difficult and problematic and should it ever occur the stepping down of all Board members at once would be detrimental to the well-being of the business of our Church. So the Constitution was changed, with the electing of 3 members one year, 2 the next, and 2 after that. This was put into place to guard against the 7 member Board stepping down all at once **OR** too many new members coming on at one time. This

created some safe guards and consistency so as new people came on to the Board they had members who had been present for a time. Each year at the first meeting after the “new board” is elected, it is decided who will hold what position amongst themselves. For the past three years a small nominating committee, separate from the Board, has sought out and discussed with any persons able and interested in being on the Board if they are willing to commit and be nominated prior to elections. There have been none willing.

Presently the following are your elected Board: Randi Rutan – President, Faith Caban - Vice-President, Bob Hahl – Treasurer, Jamie Toth – Secretary, and Paul Jordan, Pat Pryor, & Bob Shipley are members-at-large. The next regularly scheduled election is this May. Any persons interested in being nominated prior to Board elections should see Laurie Burke or Sandy Shipley.

The Board usually meets at the church on the third Thursday of the month, and we welcome visitors who would like to sit and listen, **OR** if you have something to discuss with the Board, then we ask for the courtesy of advance notice, so you may be placed on the agenda. Often there is a need for a second meeting monthly, and since August, the Board has met regularly at minimum of 4 times per month. In addition we often

discuss and review issues and communications between meetings via email, and/or more recently through conference calls when needed.

The minutes of Board meetings are placed in a binder in the office for any congregant to view. Each meeting we follow a similar agenda: we begin with Devotion and Prayer, Approve the minutes of recent meetings, Review the monthly Financial report submitted by our Treasurer, Review Committee minutes, which includes reports from the GSCC, Continue “old” business that may have been carried over from a previous meeting, Proceed with “new” business, and finally a Closing.

This month we received reports from the GSCC Director, GSCC Financial Secretary, the CCE, Worship & Music, and IT Committees. We also received a report from the Women’s Ministry Group. We request minutes from monthly committee meetings to be submitted to the Board for review. A reminder is sent monthly to all Chairs. If there are questions for the Board they will be listed on a committee report, or if after review, the Board has any question then it will be directed to the Chair of that respective committee or group. These

minutes are to be submitted several days before the Board meeting and all Board members are required to review them on their own time before the meeting. We are hopeful more minutes will be received next month, as our Church has 7 standing committees, 2 sub-committees, and an active women's and men's ministry team.

“Old business” this month consisted of finalizing our discussions centered on Pastor Ben's role during the vacancy, as he is nearing retirement from his F/T job. *Early Congratulations to Pastor Ben!* We have also been discussing a vacancy Pastor as instructed by President Klettke and Pastor Schonberg (circuit counselor), our other Staff - the CCE/Youth & Bell Choir Director, Administrative Secretary, Organist & Sr. Choir Director, and Sexton. We referenced in last month's Board Briefs we were awaiting additional response from the 55 Confirmation Surveys we mailed. We requested they be returned by 10-1-2010 and we received 11, or a 20% response rate. We thank those that responded, and are pleased to report that the parents of those students all responded very favorably towards the Confirmation Program, the Confirmation Manager, the

Confirmation Teachers, and the Confirmation content. All comments will be shared with the teachers and manager of the program and are presently being collated.

The Board had requested that congregants who had questions, comments, ideas, concerns, and/or complaints write the Board a letter, or come see the Board in person by 9-23, with well-thought-out solutions to the concerns they raise. Only one member's letter was received by that date, with that same person coming to see us on 9-23. Between 9-23 and 10-21 we did receive two more letters, and one more visitor to the Board meeting on 10-21. The Board has and will continue to take all the comments made over the last two months under advisement by those members who have written or visited. Many of the comments, concerns, and ideas require some investigation, some volunteers, and some additional discussion. A few ideas others had were similar to the Board's own ideas and were already being worked on, but not completed, a couple of suggestions have been implemented, and those comments associated with Staff have been a large part of our meeting discussions, and will be shared at the 11-14 Congregational meeting.

The Board and Deacons have also been actively involved in meetings of the Leadership that continue

with our Circuit Counselor, Pastor Schonberg, and on 11-14 some transitional procedures that have been shared and discussed with the leadership, will be shared with the congregation.

Please mark your calendars for the 11-14 Congregational Meeting at 2:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

A Call to Activism and for Volunteers was heard on 8-29!

Have you thought how you may be able to give of your time and talents to help out?

Need help in matching your interests with a committee or group in our Church?

Please seek out a Board or Deacon member!

Volunteers are needed for ALL our standing committees, and sub-committees, as well as, a Market Day Coordinator, and counter assistance with Scrip & Supermarket cards. If you would like to volunteer some time to your Church please approach any Board or Deacon member with your interests and questions, and we will get you in touch with the appropriate party.

Each one should use whatever gift that has been received to serve others faithfully, administering God's grace in its various forms.--1 Peter 4:10



FUTURE EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2010

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



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| November 7 | All Saint's Sunday |
| November 8 | Outreach Meeting |
| November 9 | Book club ??? |
| November 13 | Craft Fair |
| November 14 | Congregational Meeting 2:30 PM & Learning Event |
| November 24 | Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service @ 7:30 pm |
| November 25 & 26 | Church Office Closed – Happy Thanksgiving |

DECEMBER 2010

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



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

Church office will be closed on December 24 & 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. 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 |
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| Overall Activity | Good Shepherd souvenir Cookbook. | Jamie Toth |
| October 3, 2010 | Kick-off event with Church Picnic immediately following 10:30 service | Toni Pryor |
| November 2010 | All Saints Day, Nov. 1, Remembering deceased Good Shepherd members | |
| December 2010 | Past Christmas pageants, Christmas Caroling GS Cookbook Sales | Coordinator needed |
| January 2011 | History of church (in pictures), History of board of Lay ministry and past and present ministers | Coordinator needed |
| February 2011 | History of LYF and LYF plays 10 year vision of GS developed by Youth Group | Coordinator needed |
| March 2011 | First communion Classes and First Confirmation Classes (past pictures, interviews with past confirmees) Collect previous Confirmation banners (ask congregation to donate) and hang in the fellowship hall | Coordinator needed |
| April 2011 | Easter Breakfast, Past Easter pictures from congregation, Easter egg hunt | Coordinator needed |
| May 2011 | History of the Shepherd Players, Reprise of the first GS Play, <i>God's Favorite</i> (Neil Simon) | Marianne Krawiec, Director |
| June 2011 | Music Ministry (past organists, JT, Bell choirs, Music Sundays) | Coordinator needed |
| July 2011 | Children's Center history; Who's that in the pew? | Debbie Onorato |
| August 2011 | No event scheduled | |
| September 2011 | Rally Day - History of Sunday School and VBS (past superintendents) | Coordinator needed |
| October 2, 2011 | Celebration Service and dinner @ The Palms | 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

Youth Fellowship Meetings 1st Sunday of
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