

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!

December 2010



CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE

Midweek Advent Service December 1, 8, 15, & 22
Dinner at 6:30 pm, worship service at 7:30 pm

Sunday School Christmas Pageant December 19th @ 10:30 am

Christmas Eve worship service at 7:30 pm - Family Service & 11:00 pm - Candlelight service

December 25th Christmas Day at 9:00 am

December 26th - 9:00 am Worship Service



CHRISTMAS GREENERY SALE



The Women's Ministry sponsored a Christmas Greener Sale, selling wreathes and sprays. Please don't forget to pick up your wreath or swag, and Thank You for your support!

VBS 2011



Become a zookeeper in our "One-of-kind Zoo!"

On Sunday, December 12th, at 12 pm in the Fellowship Hall, there will be a Vacation Bible School **"interest"** meeting for those who would like to help participate in VBS and volunteers for the week that the VBS will run. Anyone, high school age and above, is welcome to attend. Come and learn all about becoming a **"Zookeeper"** for **VBS 2011!**



To My Good friends in Christ, thank you all for your condolences on the passing of my daughter Karen.
Your prayers have given me comfort.

Barbara Wittig



To my fellow Good Shepherd members and Christians,

Sunday, November 14, 2010 is now past; decisions have been made. My first thought as I was driving home was the book by CS Lewis "The Screwtape Letters". If you've never read this book I recommend it. It's a story about how Satan influences our thoughts and deeds. For my part, I want to apologize; I owe more to all of you than I gave Sunday evening and I will continue to pray for *"the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus"* Philippians 4:7

My second thought is that now that we've voted we really need to "put our money where our mouth is" so to speak. Otherwise we'll not be able to get a Pastor that we so desperately need. And after Tommy Doukas' story about tithing really says it all. Thank you Tommy for your loving heart; we are blessed to have you counted among us. May God give us all the strength to make this difficult decision in a way that is pleasing to Him.

And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. Acts 2:44-45

Respectfully Submitted,
Cynthia McGrane



DIAPER DERBY 2010

Well we're getting their. After coming in 3rd place for I don't know how many years, Good Shepherd has FINALLY moved up to 2nd place. The grand total number of diapers donated from various areas churches was **(drum roll please)** --- 14,757. In first place was Fellowship Chapel in Point Pleasant with a grand total of 4,984, Good Shepherd, Old Bridge in second place with a grand total of 4,589 and in 3rd place is Good Shepherd, Point Pleasant with 3,501. These diapers will be shared with a few different facilities: Open Door in Toms River, Solutions in Shrewsbury and Gateway in Irvington.

A special thank you to the Shipley's who donated a very large amount of diapers, and who carted all the diapers to the drop off facility.

The 2nd place trophy will be on display in the Narthex for all to see. Maybe next year we can switch it with the First Place Trophy.



FROM THE WOMEN'S MINISTRY OPERATION HELMET LINERS

About a year ago the Women's Ministry started "Operation Helmet Liner." This is a ministry to supply helmet liners and neck gators to protect our military from extreme weather conditions. We've recently mailed 24 helmet liners and 13 neck gators to "Citizen Sam" an organization that distributes the goods to the soldiers overseas. They were very grateful for our participation as I'm sure will the men and women in our armed forces.

What's particularly special about these helmet liners and neck gators is that all of them were knitted by Mrs. Joan Smith. Mrs. Smith is actually the mother of Janet Stacy and is not a member of Good Shepherd though she has attended service many times during the years. I'm sure you'll all join in thanking her for her donation of time and immeasurable skill plus all of the materials as well; these liners and gators need to be knitted to very specific instructions down, to the type of yarn and size of the stitch. So a HUGH Thank You to Mrs. Joan Smith for your time and talent.

If anyone is interested in making any donations to this mission; be it time, talent or materials, please see Cynthia McGrane, Jill O'Connor or Sonya Hansen.

If anyone would like to make a donation towards this very worthy cause, you can get the specific type of yarn that is needed. The military is **VERY** specific as to what can be used, and what colors. **ONLY** black, charcoal, brown tan, or gray. It must be 100% wool. The label **MUST** be with the wool, so we cannot accept "scrap yarn". Or, you can make a monetary donation for the knitters to purchase the wool they wish to use. You may put the donation in the box in the Narthex labeled "Operation Helmet Liners."



Parents of college students

Please e-mail, or call the church office and give me your child's name and address at college. We like them to know that Good Shepherd is still thinking and praying for them, and send them cards of encouragement every so often.

My e-mail is Marie@lc-goodshepherd.org



Sunday School News

Another month has passed and we are looking forward to the holiday season. By the time you read this article

Thanksgiving will have passed and we will be preparing for Christmas – the birth of our Savior.

The Bible tells us that Jesus' disciples once came to him with a request, "Lord, teach us to pray." (Luke 11:1)

Within the Sunday school program, our students have a need to learn how to pray and we, as Sunday school teachers and leaders, have accepted that responsibility to help them learn how to pray and how to make prayer an important part of their life. This is what we do as teachers!

- Make prayer a part of our class time. Each student participates in a prayer during a class session.

- The curriculum provides examples of prayers found in the Bible. The lessons help answer questions such as:

- What are the elements of these prayers?
- Why were these persons praying?
- How were the prayers answered?

No matter what age level is being taught, our teachers are well aware of how important it is to carefully set priorities for each lesson. Each of our wonderful volunteers recognize that teaching has not taken place until the learner has really learned something. Therefore each teacher must decide what the learner needs to learn from a particular lesson and then decide based on the age level how to make that lesson most easily understood.

DO YOU KNOW?

These wonderful volunteers always keep in mind that most learning takes place when the student is involved in the process. Therefore, whether it is story telling or crafts the goal is to help the students "experience" the lesson!

Well the year continues to fly by and there is much more planned as we enter the New Year!

Don't forget those important dates that are coming up.

December 12 – Sunday school opening in the sanctuary (hosted by the youth group)

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!

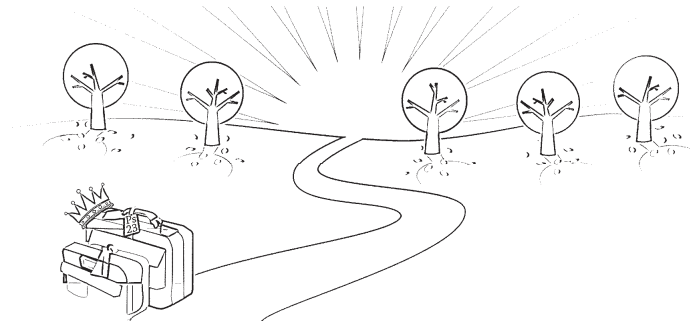
January 9 – Sunday school classes resume – welcome back!

Yours in Christ,
Lorraine Morrison,
Sunday School Superintendent

WEIGHT WATCHERS

**Start up again December 2, 2010
A new program will be introduced.
Come out and see what Weight Watchers
has in store for 2011.**

**We meet on Thursday evenings at 6:45
pm**



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. You can pay monthly or all at once. Final payments are due by *February 6th, 2011.*

This year we will be **“Traveling Light.”** We will be using Max Lucado’s **“Traveling Light”** as our guide. Please pick up a brochure/registration pamphlet from the table in the Narthex, or if you have any questions, please see Marie Bergfeldt, or Jill O’Connor.

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Attention Thrivent policy holders: Good Shepherd is now available for the Thrivent “Choice Dollars” program. If you have received a letter from Thrivent concerning designating “Choice Dollars” and you would like to designate Good Shepherd, you can now do so. The application for Good Shepherd has been processed and we have been activated.



From the Alleys

Submitted by Laurie Burke

Time is just rolling along at the bowling alley. We’ve had our second position night. But before I let you know the results, I’d like to fill you in on some **breaking news**. Since September we’ve been bowling with only 9 teams, our 10th team being vacant. That is NO longer the case. Good Shepherd Bowling League welcomes a 10th team -- **Frayed Knot**- we welcome Victoria Artache and welcome back her dad Julio. (Since there 3rd team member is a vacant person, if anyone is interested in making this teammate a real person let us know.)

Now back to the standings. After our 2nd position night the Lane Rovers (Bob & Carol Hahl and Steve Weiss, Sr.) lead followed closely by Light Weight Rollers (Laurie & Bill Burke and Rob Magazzu) and Bowling Thunder (Marie Bergfeldt, Mary Artache and Tom Rutan) Bob Hahl and Wayne Krawiec are tied for high game each with 256 game. Carol Hahl leads the women with a 200 game.

If you would like to hear how our newest team came up with their name, come out and join us on December 20th for our Christmas party and ask Victoria or Julio Artache.



Jan. 28 - 30, 2011

NJ District

2011 Winter Youth Gathering
at Camp Lebanon



All 7th - 12th graders are welcome!

🌲 5 meals plus snacks 🌲 Bible Studies 🌲 Workshops 🌲 Music
🌲 Fellowship 🌲 Worship 🌲 Fun 🌲 Sleeping in a bunk (no floors!)
🌲 Private Showers 🌲 Great Memories

For more information and registration forms contact:

Please contact Beth Meyer or Jeff Campbell. Registrations and \$99.00 fee must be submitted by
December 12, 2010



Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those
who take refuge in him! *Psalm 34:8*

The Lord truly is good! Last night, I reflected on the glorious weekend I had with my church friends at the Craft Fair and how blessed I am. It was a wonderful day of service and fellowship. We had \$296 in sales at the Craft Fair, and the tie in with the *Grace Café* and the various foods which were in the cookbook truly helped with sales.

It brought me to thinking about when the cookbook planning began back in February, and the first meeting that we held in March, just 8 months ago! There were 6 of us who sat around my dining room table and brainstormed on what we wanted the cookbook to be, and we shared our ideas of what to include and recipes to gather, etc. Think about this...**260 recipes** contributed by about **60 people** both inside and outside the congregation...what an achievement and a blessing! A true testament to how working as one church body we can accomplish anything!

I want to personally thank everyone on the cookbook committee for all of their time and talent: Adrianna Salzer, Justin Salzer, Laurie Burke, Carol Kershaw, Rosemarie Staudinger, Linda Cinquegrana, June Hullings, and Kathy Hogan. I also want to thank everyone who helped with typing and proofing and of course all of the members and friends who purchased the cookbook. We are now well on our way to *Cooking with Grace* for the holidays.

If you haven't purchased a *Cooking with Grace* cookbook yet, or need to purchase additional cookbooks, the cost is \$20. Sets of 20 blank sheets for the cookbook are \$1/each. Additionally, we are taking orders for the Psalm 34:8 burgundy aprons which have an adjustable neck at \$15/each. What a great combo gift for the holidays! Stop by the counter after services to pick up or order any of these items.

Yours in Christ,
Jamie Toth



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! 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.

Good Shepherd Children's Center

WHAT'S NEW AT SCHOOL



The children of Good Shepherd will be holding their annual Christmas Program on Saturday December 11th starting at 9:30 am, 2nd show at 11:30 am. If you would like to join us that day to kick off the Christmas Season, we would love to see you there, all are welcome. The kids and the teachers have been practicing their songs every day so that the big day is a huge success, so why not come and listen to their hard work first hand.

I would like to take this time to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy New Year! Enjoy the time you spend with family and friends.

Lorraine Campo
Director, GSCC



New Bible Study Series

As you know we've been hosting a Sunday morning Adult bible study – we are currently reading and discussing The Book of Acts. We begin at 9:30 and it's over by 10:15. There are no items to be purchased nor do you need to be a scholar to attend. All you need is a desire to learn about Christ and the Holy Spirit. If you have a bible bring it along; if not we have plenty. Don't worry about missing the first couple of weeks; it's very easy to catch up.

PS: to all the MEN in this congregation, PLEASE COME JOIN US. This is not just for women.

Won't you consider giving this a try?



Those Recovering

Rosemarie Staudinger
Michele Carlson
Michael Junco
Brigitte Meitzner
Christine McGrade

Those in Nursing Homes

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



Happy Birthday to...

Patrick Bowen	12/01
Kaitlin Jordan	12/02
Tyler Salzer	12/03
Demetrius Pate	12/04
Katherine Bowen	12/07
Cara DiMaggio	12/08
Susannah Rutan	12/08
Kelly Doran	12/09
Ed Siclari	12/11
Allison vanRiemsdyk	12/12
Andrew Cecil	12/12
Richard Toth	12/13
Alexis Dill	12/14
Robin Grimes	12/14
Brigitte Meitzner	12/14
Emilou Eck	12/14
Nicole Onorato	12/15
Priscilla Seesman	12/15
Joan Gibson	12/15
Samantha Messler	12/15
Danielle Nathanson	12/17
Daniel Onorato	12/18
Patrick Cole	12/23
Christine McGrade	12/24
Miriam Nieves	12/24
Valerie Tietchen	12/26
Christian Hawley	12/26
Joan Habinowski	12/27
Tom Jocus	12/29
Anthony Onorato	12/31

For Your Information

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Happy Anniversary to.....

Laurie & Bill Burke 12/19



Join the Latin-inspired

Easy to Follow

Dance FITNESS Class

Thursday, December 2 & 9

7:45 pm

(\$8.00 each class - \$16.00)

Location:

Good Shepherd Fellowship Hall

Must wear sneakers; water bottle recommended.

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FUTURE EVENTS



DECEMBER 2010

Mid-week Advent Services December 1, 8, 15, & 22
Dinner at 6:30 (**please sign up**) and Service at 7:30 PM
Saturday Evening Services at 5:00 PM – December 4, 11, 18

December 1	Midweek Advent Service (dinner at 6:30 / service at 7:30 pm)
December 5	Learning Event
December 8	Midweek Advent Service (dinner at 6:30 / service at 7:30 pm)
December 11	Care Center Christmas program
December 15	Midweek Advent Service (dinner at 6:30 / service at 7:30 pm)
December 18	Sunday School Christmas Pageant rehearsal
December 19	Sunday School Christmas Pageant at 10:30 am
December 20	Bowling Christmas Party at Strathmore Lanes
December 22	Midweek Advent Service (dinner at 6:30 / service at 7:30 pm)
December 24	Christmas Eve Services at 7:30 and 11:00 pm
December 25	Christmas Day Service at 9:00 am
December 26	Worship Service at 9:00 am
December 31	New Years' Prayers begin at 5 PM

Church office will be closed on December 24 & 31

JANUARY 2011

Saturday Evening Services at 5:00 PM – January 8, 15, 22, 29

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
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
each month at 6:00 PM

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God's love at work here!