

# 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 2011

## 9/11 MEMORIALS

In Remembrance of  
**Sept.**



Many communities and organizations are having memorial services for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attacks on 9/11. We, here at Good Shepherd, will have a special service (at both services) to honor all those who lost friend, family members, etc.

Old Bridge will have a special memorial service on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am with a wreath laying ceremony at the Municipal Complex off of Cottrell Road and Route 516. This year they will have an artifact from the Word Trace Center. In case of rain, the service will be held in the Civic Center.



**TOUR DE FORCE**  
9/11 Memorial Bike Ride

**2011**

**9/11 Memorial Ride:** Capt. R. Weiss, (a member of Good Shepherd), CWO5, Det. Glenn Smalley and Patrolman Addie Spinola of the Old Bridge Police Department and two hundred other participants, from across the U.S., Canada & Europe will depart Ground Zero, NYC on September 8<sup>th</sup> and cycle to the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, across New Jersey to Atlantic City, down to Annapolis and finally through D.C. to reach the Pentagon on September 11<sup>th</sup>. In four days they will ride 285 miles. For more information and to donate <http://www.tourdeforceny.com>

... let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. *Matthew 5:16*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Recently I challenged you to read the 89 chapters of the four Gospels by Advent. I am very happy that some of you responded to my challenge. Reading is great but obeying and responding to God's word is important. When we obey and respond to God's word we testify to the world that we really read and apply what God teaches us in His Word.

So we continue reading God's word and shine our light as –

**We Remain Faithful** - ... be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. *James 5:8*

**We Worship in the Church** - And let us ...not neglect to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. *Hebrews 10:24-25*

**We Repent** - ... little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. *1 John 2:28*

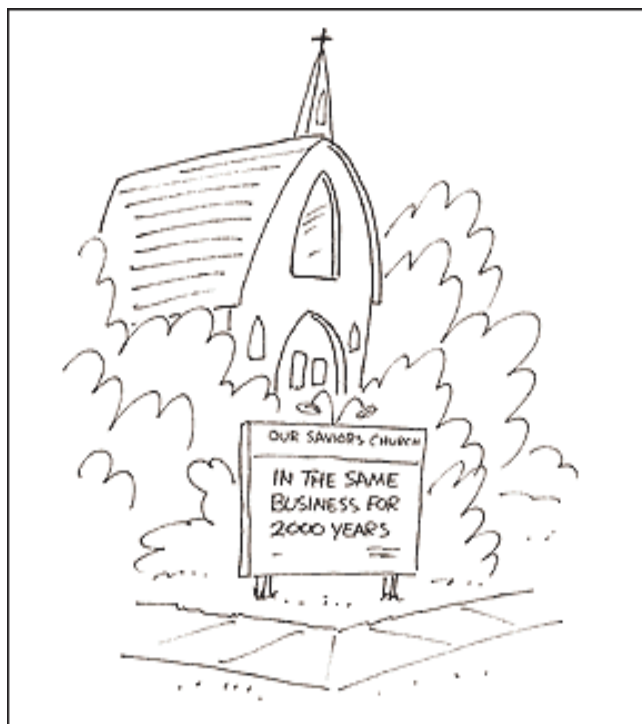
**We Celebrate the Lord's Supper** - For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

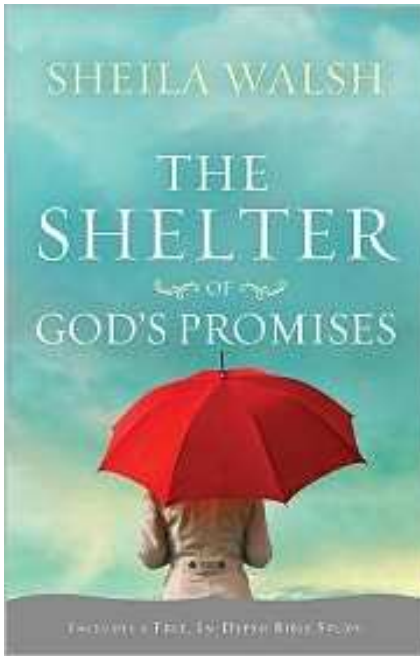
**We do not Judge because Jesus is THE Judge** - Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes. *1 Corinthians 4:5*

**We respond in love** - ... may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. *1 Thessalonians 3:12-13*

**We reach the lost** - And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment[a] stained by the flesh. *Jude 21-23*

God Bless You  
Pastor Ben





## **ENJOY SOME SUMMER READING & AND JOIN US IN SEPTEMBER FOR BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION!**

In a world of uncertainty, pain and struggle, where do you find solid assurance and unshakeable truth? Gifted Bible teacher and inspiring Women of Faith speaker, Sheila Walsh, offers powerful, heart-filled teaching on ten bedrock promises of God, providing the foundation for daily confidence, joy and hope.

In *The Shelter of God's Promises*, Sheila searches Scripture for what God has promised us, what God's promises mean, and how encounters with Christ are the eternal fulfillment of His unrelenting commitment to us. In this riveting walk through some of the Bible's most compelling stories, Walsh unveils ten foundational promises of God that secure our lives during even the most difficult times. Sheila weaves her hallmark storytelling, inspiring personal experience, and Scripture to help readers gain a trust in God that will sustain them for a lifetime.

I've already ordered my copy, since Kathy Hogan will be starting off the **Book Club** on **September 20 at 7 p.m.**, in the Library of the Church. Won't you order your copy today and join us in September for some great discussion, coffee and fellowship?

Jill O'Connor, Christian Ed Chair.

## **BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN**

**Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesdays, at 7 p.m. If you have any questions, please see Jill O'Connor.**



## ***Sign up for ShopWithScrip! It's easy & helps our Church!***

- 1.** Go to [www.ShopWithScrip.com](http://www.ShopWithScrip.com) and click on "Create Account."
- 2.** Follow the four simple steps and click "I Accept."
- 3.** Enter our Church Enrollment Code: F67D7L9421914 and click "Join."

**That's it!!!** You're connected to over 800 vendors of all differing types and can shop at your convenience! When you place an order online the Church gets the credit and you can drop off a check in my mailbox on Sunday! Remember to get me your check by the middle of the preceding month you wish the cards – that is order and deliver the check to me by preceding 15<sup>th</sup> approximately and get your cards on the 1<sup>st</sup>! If you want to, you can also set up a way to pay out of your own checking account – but that is not mandatory – either way the Church is helped!

## THE SUNDAY ADULT COFFEE HOUR starts 10th YEAR !!

Summer Break is over and a big “Hello” to everyone! On September 11, we start our tenth year of “The Adult Coffee Hour” while the kids are in Sunday School. Can you believe what started as a simple idea for a cup of coffee is still going strong all these years later?



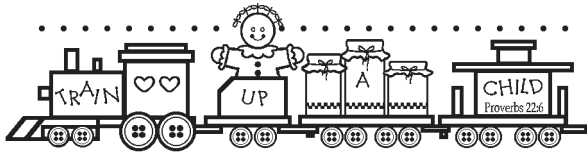
If you are relatively new to the church, or never had the occasion to stop in before, allow me to explain: We have a coffee hour in the Education Wing on Sunday morning between the hour of 9:15 and 10:15am. This is during Sunday School time and our coffee hour is designed to give parents, guardians, and adult visitors a place to meet & greet while waiting. Coffee hour is only available on the days there is Sunday School. 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. If you have never had the opportunity or time to join us before, please feel free to do so.

Don't know anyone? No Problem! Most of us didn't know each other before. 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 FEE ZONE\***  
For practical reasons, conversation flows more easily on adult topics without 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 but there is no obligation. All of your money is used to support the coffee club with the purchase of supplies. An accounting is available.
- 3.) **PARENTS, FEED YOUR CHILDREN AT HOME** We plan our supplies for the adults' use; 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 equal less work for everyone. Can't Commit – pitch in at clean up time by washing a coffee pot or breaking down the table & chairs.

See you on September 11, for our quiet opening.  
Rally Day is September 18.

Submitted by, Eileen Loughman



## CRAFT FESTIVAL

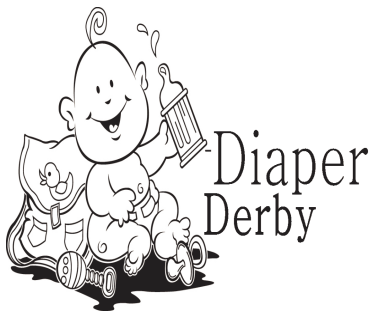
# CRAFT FESTIVAL

## Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>!

Volunteers are needed for various tasks to accomplish this. For your convenience I have detailed task lists that need to be done. Functions that need to be headed up and completed are: advertising, fixing and posting signs around the community, bakery coordinator, food coordinator, festival “greeter” and coordinator of volunteers, set up and break down coordinator and church craft table coordinator.

Please let me know if you can assist in any of these areas. Once I get a list of interested parties, we can then schedule a meeting to discuss things in more detail. Looking forward to another successful year! Please give me a call 732-536-6202 or email me at [MoeMoe57@optonline.net](mailto:MoeMoe57@optonline.net).

## *The Diaper Derby begins September 1st!!*



***The Diaper Derby is under way!*** For quite a few years now, Lutherans for Life has run a “Diaper Derby” in our area. Four area churches (maybe five this year) collect diapers from their congregations and communities in a light-hearted contest. “Trophies” are given to the churches that collect the most diapers. Our church won second place last year. You can see our “trophy” on the table in the narthex. It’s the trophy with a hat and booties!

The real winners are the babies in need. The diapers are given to mothers at the Open Door Pregnancy Center in Toms River, the Pregnancy & Health Center in Shrewsbury, and the Getaway Pregnancy centers in Irvington and Elizabeth.

The babies need all sizes of diapers, especially sizes 4 and 5. The playpen is already set up in the fellowship hall and will be available all through September for you to place your donated diapers. If you would prefer to write a check or donate cash, please write your check to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and clearly mark it for the Diaper Derby, or even better, put your check or cash into an envelope and write Diaper Derby on the envelope, so the counters know this is for the Diaper Derby. If you are going to write a check or donate cash, I would appreciate if you would do so on or before ***Sunday, September 18***. My plan is to use any monies donated to buy diapers on [diapers.com](http://diapers.com), where we can get good prices on bulk quantities. That way we get the most diapers for the money.

The “contest” part of the Diaper Derby is called the Ingathering, which takes place at the Curtis House in Brielle in early October. As of the date of this writing, I don’t know if the Ingathering will be October 2 or October 9. If you are **not** planning to go to Good Shepherd’s Gala Event on October 2, and you would be willing to take the diapers to the Ingathering if it is held on that date, please let me know. If you would be interested in attending the Ingathering with me if it is held on October 9, please let me know. Remember that every single diaper is greatly appreciated by these mothers in need.

Thank you. Sandy Shipley,  
Missions Committee Chairperson (732) 446-1121



# SUNDAY SCHOOL LAUNCH SEPTEMBER 2011

It is our goal to make this a great year for Sunday school. We will be launching the year with a special time of focus and celebration. The first day of classes and registration will be held on Sunday, September 11 at 9:15 AM.



## Sunday School News

On Sunday, September 18 we have planned some special activities in conjunction with the Christian Education Committee. It is our annual Rally Day launch of all the programs and ministries at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. We welcome every member to participate in Worship, Sunday school, and social events. All are encouraged to participate and be a part of the excitement and fellowship!

There will be activities, information, learning opportunities and at the 10:30 AM service our volunteers (Sunday school teachers and their Assistants) will be dedicated.

The goal of Sunday school is to provide meaningful Christian education and socialization for children and by adults being actively involved they too will greatly benefit. The Sunday school calendar will be posted and I hope you will find it useful in planning ahead.

### *So what is Sunday school all about?*

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock”  
(Matthew 7:24-25).

Jesus frequently used common experiences to help people understand his message. Being a carpenter, a story using the construction of houses probably came naturally to him. A person might easily build a house in a sandy wadi/dry riverbed (a fast-moving creek or small river that is not visible during the dry season).

But when the rainy season came, water would gush down the wadi/dry riverbed and carry the house away because its foundation was nonexistent. A foundation of stone had to be deep and substantial. It required meticulous and intentional effort. But the house that stood atop it would resist the rains of winter. Jesus was comparing this wise builder with a life where his message was put into action. Both resulted in a strong foundation.

What this parable is saying is exactly what we want to offer our children. We want to help our children build a strong faith foundation. So that when the rains and storms of life assail them (and they will at some time or another), their house of faith will not fall away. It will stand strong and give them strength and shelter.

- 1. We want to teach the Bible and**
- 2. We want to make disciples of Jesus Christ.**

I look forward to a fun and exciting year. Thank you for the opportunity to share our faith with you and your children!

Yours in Christ,  
Lorraine Morrison  
Sunday School Superintended.

# Good Shepherd Children's Center

## WHAT'S NEW AT SCHOOL



Back to school already. I can't believe how quickly the summer has passed. The staff returned August 25 to begin the process of preparing for their new students on the first day of school. Back to School Night was held on August 31st throughout various times of the day depending on the child's schedule. Full Time children will meet all of us in the evening at 7pm. The first day of school will be on September 6<sup>th</sup>, and just like that,

we start all over again.

If you know of anyone who needs a preschool or full day Kindergarten, we still have limited availability in certain classrooms.

I am happy to report we had a nice little turnout for Summer Camp and everyone I spoke with told me that the kids really enjoyed themselves.

Lorraine Campo  
Director, GSCC

### Thank you for donating Target gift cards to the Amandla Crossing kids!



Thank you to everyone who made a donation to our gift card drive for the kids at Amandla Crossing. Good Shepherd donated \$750.00 worth of Target gift cards so these school-age kids could buy new back-to-school clothes. You can just imagine their joy at being able to buy new sneakers, a shirt, jeans, whatever they need

most, before that first day back at school. I am always grateful for the generosity of our congregation. Thank you so much to everyone who made this grand day possible.



If you would like to help with the Angel Tree, the Diaper Derby, any of the Amandla Crossing drives, or any of the Good Shepherd Missions, we would love to have your help. Even if you only have a little spare time, we always need help cutting out the Angels, making announcements in church, collecting items at the counter, and many other easy, short term tasks. Many hands make light work, so if you'd like to lend a hand, please mark your calendar for Sunday, September 25 at 7:00 pm. We're going to talk about what Missions we want to take on, what needs to be done and who is interested in doing what, while we eat pizza and cut out paper Angels. If you're interested in helping but can't make it September 25, just put a note in Sandy Shipley's box, or leave a message at (732) 446-1121. Thank you.



## 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 provide 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 [abford2@gmail.com](mailto:abford2@gmail.com) ***The Nursery is looking for volunteers!!!!*** If you're in ninth grade or older and interested in servicing God while caring for children, please contact Amy. Feel free to join us for our Nursery Kick Off meeting, Sunday, September 11 at 9:30 am in the Education Wing to learn more!

Your co-worker in Christ,  
Amy Ford



### *Those Recovering*

**Joe Kotora**  
**MaryAnn Turk**  
**Rose Sydor**  
**Gloria Carias**

### *Those in Nursing Homes*

**Jerry Bosco** – Brother of Rosemarie Staudinger  
**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*

**James D'Andrea**  
**Jack Kaplan** – nephew of Marie Bergfeldt  
**Cookie Rose** – sister of Marie Bergfeldt  
**Michele Carlson**  
**Nicole Stacy**  
**Olivia Rae Vargas** – niece of Sue Hawley  
**Gloria Carias**  
**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

*Please review this list and let Marie know in the office if anyone needs to be added, or removed. Thank You.*

### *Those Struggling with Cancer*

**Robert Pedersen** – son of Elizabeth Pedersen  
**John Smith** – brother of Joanne Louth  
**Tony DeLuca** – friend of the Bergfeldt's  
**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*

**Jared Renda** – friend of the Bergfeldt Family  
**Ron Rutan** – nephew of the Rutans – USS R. Reagan  
**Chrystal Rutan** – niece of the Rutans – USS Preble  
**Andrew DePasquale** – nephew of June Hullings  
**Matthew Walczak** - friend of the Kim's  
**Jason Lefkowitz** – friend of the Bergfeldt Family  
**Nelson Junco** – nephew of Millie Junco (in Afghanistan)  
**Patrick Grimes** – grandson of Joan Brenner  
**Jeff Borkowski**  
**Dustin Brown**  
**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

*It is with great pleasure that we can remove Jeff Kotora from our Military prayer chain. Jeff served two tours in Iraq, and has officially received his honorable discharge from the military. Thank you Jeff for your dedication and service to this great nation.*

# For Your Information

## Happy Birthday to...

Joan Hullings	9/01
Brian Puricelli	9/01
Ebenezer Mallepalle	9/01
Jamie Toth	9/02
Rosemarie Staudinger	9/03
Nicholas Massa	9/04
Ryan Flynn-Stead	9/04
Randy Seesman	9/05
Kayla Breitweiser	9/08
David Palmer	9/09
Eileen Arzberger	9/10
Pauline Skrok	9/10
Gail Previte	9/11
Brandon Morton	9/12
Justin Gonzalez	9/13
Francine Santora	9/14
Dean Olson	9/16
Annette Olsen	9/16
Robert Shipley	9/19
Emily Jocus	9/20
Ryan McGrade	9/21
Jessica Waite	9/22
Teddy Sillo	9/23
Peter Dooley	9/24
John Coluzzi	9/24
Edward LaFlower	9/24
Silvia Herbert	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.....

Jill & Timothy O'Connor	9/06
John & Sherri Cocklin	9/07
Lois & Douglas Raba	9/09
Gail & Joe Previte	9/09
Tom & Joanne Jocus	9/10
Bill & Christine Bleistein	9/12
Ed & Yvonne Siclari	9/13
Millie & Enrique Junco	9/17
Jung & Christine Kim	9/17
Thomas & Randi Rutan	9/17
Jovina & Michael Donaghue	9/20
Wayne & Marianne Krawiec	9/23
Art & Rosemarie Staudinger	9/25
Alexis & David Dill	9/27

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***"For the LORD gives wisdom;  
from His mouth comes knowledge  
and understanding." Proverbs 2:6***

While everyone has been in the full swing of summer and enjoying those lazy, hazy days, the Christian Education Committee has been hard at work coming up with new ideas and planning some great ways to share God's Word with all those who come through our doors.

Sunday School will be starting classes on September 11<sup>th</sup> and then kicking off the following Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> with our annual Rally Day. Children and parents will have an opportunity to meet their new Sunday School teachers, gather for some Christian Fellowship and games, attend a special Worship Service and enjoy some fun, food and games at our annual Church Picnic. The Sunday School is very excited about their new music ministry as well as their new Stewardship project, a Lasagna Garden. So make sure you tell your neighbors and friends about all of the exciting things going on at Good Shepherd's Sunday School this year.

***Communion*** and ***Confirmation*** will have some brand new and exciting changes. Learning Events will now take place during the Sunday School hour, with Servant Events and Fellowship Events taking place on specified Sundays. A Confirmation Breakfast will be held on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> for parents and children in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation program to discuss some of these exciting new changes. If your child is in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade and you would like more information about our Communion and Confirmation programs, please feel free to contact either the church office or me directly.

As always, many Bible Studies are available for the Adults in our congregation as well. On Wednesday nights, beginning September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, our Women's Bible Study will commence. A study is still being decided by the ladies, but we will keep you posted with our fall study. In addition, several Bible Studies will be available on Sunday morning during the Sunday School hour. Won't you join us for Rally Day to see which Bible Studies will be offered and which study you would like to attend?

In addition, we are continuing to work on a new elementary age Youth Group to be started this fall. We are in the beginning stages, but if you have a child in 3rd through 5th Grade that would be interested in joining such a Youth Group, please let me know.

As we continue to meet throughout the summer and into the fall, the Christian Education Committee will strive to find different ways to bring God's Word to all those at Good Shepherd and in our community. We look forward to a wonderful year of growing in Christ, sharing God's love and reaching out to those in our community.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jill O'Connor,  
Christian Education Chair

Dear Members,

Greetings in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ!

We hope you had an enjoyable summer filled with picnics with friends and family, pleasant vacations, and enjoyable walks in the park. Summer trips and activities have historically caused lower church attendance and a decline in our giving, so it is no surprise that it happened again this past summer.

As a church, we want to both encourage and challenge you as members to catch up on your tithes and offerings that were not given during June, July, and August. As the Apostle Paul stated, “*On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income . . .*” (1 Corinthians 16:2). Many of us did not give the first day of each week because our summer plans kept us away from church. In order to recover lost contributions, we are introducing “*Catch-up Sunday*” on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

We are appealing to everyone in our church to do what he or she can so we can catch up with our missed offerings. If you are not current with your giving, we urge you to catch up now. Your prayerful consideration and response are appreciated.

Many of our members have remained current with their giving. You are to be commended for your faithfulness and thanked for your generosity. If you see fit and would like to make further contributions to help us through our financial shortfall, please accept the gratitude of your fellow church members.

If you will not be in church on this special “*Catch-up Sunday*,” please feel free to “catch-up” either the Sunday before or after the 25<sup>th</sup>.

We know that, as you give to help your church meet its financial obligations, you will experience that joy that God gives to those who give.

May God’s blessings remain with you as you continue your faithful stewardship of the many blessings entrusted to your care.

Serving and working together in Christ,

Stewardship Committee



# MAKE GOD YOUR TREASURE

*In a speech to a group of church leaders, Dr. Frank Harrington, pastor of Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Georgia made several points about Christian giving.*



## STEWARDSHIP NOTE

we give money, which is important to most of us, we show that we depend on and trust in the Lord. When God is our treasure, we will give Him our first and best cheerfully.

*Four of these are as follows:*

1. I have never known a family who tithed for any length of time who quit.
2. I have never known a generous person to complain about how much money it takes to run a church. Poor givers gripe about how much it takes. Generous givers express concern that they don't do more.
3. I have come to believe that most people who feel that we talk too much about money never really want to talk about money at all. Generous people enjoy talking about money.
4. I have come to believe there is a direct connection that exists between a person's faith and a person's generosity. Faithful people give generously. Those who give generously tend to become more faithful; and the reverse is true in both instances.

Jesus said, "*Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also*" (Matthew 6:21). Jesus cared about people's treasures because Jesus cared about people. Jesus knew that the things people support, they value.

Our lives are a testimony to Jesus' truth. When we invest our time and money in the things of God, we will experience a greater concern for spiritual things. If our hearts aren't right with God, giving is difficult. However, if we seek God's help, He can give us the desire to be generous givers. When

# MARK THESE DATES

## SEPTEMBER 2011

**Saturday Evening Services at 5:00 PM – September 10, 17, 24**  
**NO Saturday Service on September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

<b>September 4</b>	<b>Last week of Summer Schedule 9:00 am service</b>
<b>September 5</b>	Church Office Closed
<b>September 9 – 10</b>	Women of Faith - Philadelphia
<b>September 11</b> AM	Sunday School Begins – 9/11 Memorial Services at 8:00 & 10:30
<b>September 18</b>	Nursery Kick Off Meeting – 9:30 am in the Education Wing <b>Rally Day</b> -- Installation of Sunday School & Care Center Teachers – Church Picnic to follow the 10:30 worship service.

## OCTOBER 2011

**Saturday Evening Services at 5:00 PM – October 8, 15, 22, 29**  
**NO Saturday Service on October 1<sup>st</sup>**

### **Sunday October 2, 2011 - 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**NO Sunday School - One worship service at 10:00 am**

Coffee hour before service to welcome guests and old friends!

Invite your friends, or get in touch with members who are no longer coming to Good Shepherd and invite them to attend this special occasion.

## NOVEMBER 2011

**Saturday Evening Services at 5:00 PM – November 5, 12, 19, 26**

<b>November 6</b>	All Saint's Sunday
<b>November 12</b>	Craft Fair
<b>November 13</b>	Grandparents day luncheon – 12:00 pm
<b>November 15</b>	Book Club - 7:30 – 9 in Library
<b>November 23</b>	Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service @ 7:30 PM
<b>November 24 &amp; 25</b>	Church Office Closed
<b>November 27</b>	First Sunday in Advent

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**Worship Services**  
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30 AM  
Sunday School starting on  
**September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am**  
**Saturday Evening Service @ 5:00 PM**  
No Saturday service on 9/3  
**Rally Day & Picnic – September**  
**18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 9:15 am. Picnic at**  
**12:00 pm**

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