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of the Good Shepherd

Our Mission:

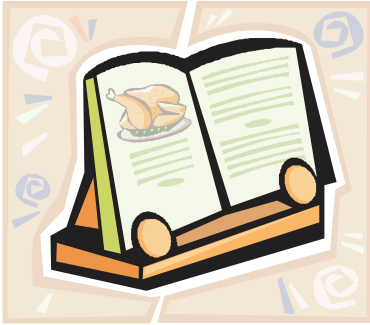
To equip God's people for ministry with a vision to share God's Word!

October 2011



Sunday, October 2, 2011
At 10:00 am
we will celebrate
50 years of service to our Lord.

We start the day with a coffee hour starting at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall. We will then join in the Sanctuary to worship at 10:00 am. President Klettke will be giving the message for the day. After worship service, many of us will head over to the Palms for our dinner celebration. This will be a day filled with celebration in song and praise to our Lord and to the service of Good Shepherd. We hope and pray all will attend this momentous occasion. If you cannot attend, we hope you keep Good Shepherd and its service in your prayers.



Cookbook Updates:

**Have you tried any recipes from our cookbook??
Please give us your comments. Below is a letter sent regarding our
cookbook.**

January 12, 2011

Dear Jamie Toth,

Let me introduce myself, I'm Joan Aldinger, Sallie McNulty's sister and Carol Santiago's aunt, and this is why I'm sending the note. Over the holidays my nieces gave me a copy of Good Shepherd's "Cooking with Grace" cookbook. When I sat down to read it, I was surprised to see how your church and mine were alike in their history.

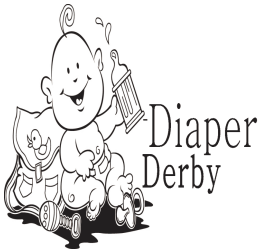
We at Grace Lutheran in Warminster, PA, are a Missouri Synod, English District Church and in 2010 we celebrated 50 years. There are only four original members still worshipping at Grace and my husband (Paul) and I are among them. Sorry to say our congregation is aging when we hoped to grow. We have a new minister just out of seminary. He is a second career man and slowly adjusting to our aging population.

I'm looking forward to trying some new recipes from your wonderful cookbook.

Included with this letter is a program of our 50th Anniversary celebration with a history of our church.

Blessings to you and your congregation on your 50th.

*Sincerely,
Joan Aldinger*



The Diaper Derby
*Keep your eyes open for the winner in next
month's Staff.*



Sunday School News

fun for all culminating in the church picnic featuring Joshua's Trumpet and lots of food (especially desserts)!

We now have to be serious about the task of Christian formation (i.e. Baptism) and Christian Education (i.e. church school). Our children and youth must come to see themselves in a sort of master apprentice relationship with older Christians, in which the young look over the shoulders of all of us (parents, teachers, deacons, pastors) who represent examples of Christians in today's world.

Christian education is important. Christian modeling is important. Christian Baptism is important. But Christian education in its own unique way should provide opportunities for developing believers to model their lives upon those who dedicate their lives to faith and teaching. We all need to encourage all to realize that we have the sacred responsibility to fashion our lives and thoughts upon distinctively Christian convictions and serve as examples to our youth. Please pray for our Church School program, teachers and children. One thing we want to focus on this year is to teach our children to be stewards.

"What are we teaching our children about stewardship?" is a critical question. Do we teach them to shop but not to share?

We can change this and here are a few ideas to get you started:

Sunday school is now well under way as we settle in for the year. Rally day was

SETTLING IN

- Make sure your children are given an opportunity to give an offering each week.
- Have your children use the offering envelopes and explain to them the purpose of the envelopes.
- We honor every gift whether a penny or more! We record children's offerings and give them annual statements regardless of the amount they contribute.
- Do you need help as a parent to teach your child about stewardship? Anyone interested in a "parents as stewards" training session – Pastor Ben is up to the task!

IMPORTANT DATES

October 2 – 50th Anniversary Gala Event – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

November – musical performances at the 10:30 AM services (dates for classes to be announced)

December 17 – Saturday – Sunday school rehearsal for Christmas Program

December 18 – Sunday - CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – 10:30 AM SERVICE all children expected to attend!

December 25 – January 1 – NO Sunday School Classes

Yours in Christ,
Lorraine Morrison
Sunday School Superintendent

Good Shepherd Children's Center

WHAT'S NEW AT SCHOOL



Fall is my favorite time of the year. So far we have had a pretty successful back to school season and the kids are beginning to get settled down into their routines. All of our students will be taking advantage of some of the beautiful farms we have in our immediate area and will enjoy pumpkin picking, hayrides and apple picking throughout the month. The children will hold their annual Fall Festival at the end of the month, where they enjoy wearing their costumes and parading around the front for their parents. After the parade, they go into their classrooms and enjoy Fall Celebration Parties. The fall is a perfect time for you and your families to reconnect since the kids have gone back to school, and enjoy some outdoor activities together. Take advantage of living in the "Garden State" and enjoy all NJ has to offer. If you go to Funnewjersey.com, there are many ideas for day trips and fun things to do for your family members of all ages. My family enjoys going to the Catskills throughout the fall and winter season. If you have never been to the Catskills, its somewhere everyone should visit. Some of the towns we have been traveling to over the last 20 years were severely hit by Hurricane Irene. As I write this, there are towns that were just washed away. As the locals of these towns begin to rebuild with the help of FEMA and the Governor of NY, maybe you can say a prayer for them that clean up is quick and life as they once knew it will return to their quaint little towns.

Lorraine Campo
Director, GSCC




PUZZLES TO ENJOY

Bible Incomplete:

Fill in the missing letters to complete the passage. Solution on page 10


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QUOTEFALL No.42 

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Quotefall No.43 

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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 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.

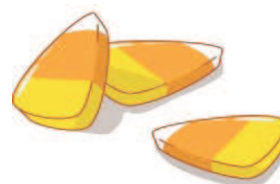
When you drop off your child, you and your child will receive matching wristbands and you will be provided with a vibrating pager (just in case we need you ~ don't worry, no unnecessary beeping while you're worshipping our Lord).

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

The Nursery is looking for volunteers!!!! If you're in ninth grade or older and interested in serving God while caring for children, please contact Amy.

Your co-worker in Christ,
Amy Ford



We need YOUR Help! The Confirmation students are participating in a Trick or Treat "GiveBack" for their Servant Event for the month of October. We are asking the congregation to donate bags of individually wrapped candy to help our students with their "GiveBack". These candies will then be placed into goody bags that the students will be distributing to local houses near the church. All candy can be placed in the bucket in the Narthex until October 9th. Thank you!



Join us for a Trick or Treat "GiveBack"! The Confirmation students will be participating in a two part Servant Event for the month of October. On October 9th, students will be gathering to put together goody bags which will be handed out to community members in part two of the Servant Event. On October 30, the students are going to be taking this goody bags and participating in a "GiveBack" to homes in the community as a means to say thank you for all of the years that our students were given Halloween candy. The students will also be using this Servant Event as a means for Outreach by providing these homes with information about our church. We are inviting members of the congregation, sixth grade and older, to participate. We will be meeting at the church on Sunday, October 30, at 12:30pm. Come join our Confirmation students to help make a difference in our Community.



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
Terry Hayes –mother of Laurie Burke

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

*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
Trish Ead
Vincent 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
Elizabeth Pryor—aunt of Pat Pryor

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

For Your Information

Happy Birthday to...

Jacob LaFlower	10/01
Daniel Bergfeldt	10/02
Marge Hammarstrom	10/06
Alyssa Kotora	10/09
Elena Pineiro	10/09
Adam Van Handel	10/10
Priscilla Seesman	10/11
Mary Ellen Brace	10/11
Loretta Dlugosz	10/11
Ruth Welter	10/12
Paige Ferriera	10/16
Carly Ferriera	10/16
Justin Salzer	10/16
Kevin Lo	10/17
Jung Kim	10/18
Scott Oliva	10/18
Yvonne Siclari	10/20
Anna Mallepalle	10/20
Billy Bleistein	10/20
Jeffrey Brace	10/23
Bill Bleistein	10/24
Danielle Kim	10/25
Nicole Stacy	10/26
Taryn McGrane	10/26
Brianna Hoffner	10/27
Sabrina Yoniak	10/28
Pat Pryor	10/29
Brian Lo	10/29
Karen Scanlon	10/29
Steven Onorato	10/31
Dylan Seesman	10/31



Happy Anniversary to.....

Kurt & Michelle Carlson	10/03
Paul & Cathy Jordan	10/07
Frans & Allison vanRiemsdyk	10/09
David & Dale Petersen	10/09
Don & Kathy Cole	10/10
Grace & Yee Wong	10/11
Peter & Donna Dooley	10/12
Kevin & Ceil Prenderville	10/15
Sandy & Scott Wolven	10/16
David & Kathy Schulmeister	10/24

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Escaping the Lure of Money



STEWARDSHIP NOTE

Who or what is the master of your life? What receives most of your attention? What do you spend most of your time, energy, and money on? Jesus knew what would be one of the biggest challenges or rivals to His authority in our lives. In Matthew 6:24 Jesus said, “*You cannot serve both God and Money.*” Although there are many obstacles and temptations which may keep us from faithfully following Jesus, God’s Word indicates that one of Satan’s best tools to separate us from our relationship with Jesus is money or the things that money can buy. Jesus said, “*No [person] can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one or love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other.*” Between money and God, it is not “both and”; it is “either or.” We can’t serve both. We must choose.

Having money does have its advantages. Money enables us to purchase not only life’s necessities, but luxuries that comprise a comfortable lifestyle. There is nothing wrong with nice things, but the pleasures of this world and comforts of life can become too important. When we become too attached to things of this world, we push God aside, and we begin to believe that our life’s worth is measured by the abundance of our possessions. Whether we have much or little, God wants us to live with an inward detachment from our possessions. We are to possess our possessions rather than letting them possess us.

In the Parable of the Rich Fool (Luke 12:13-21), Jesus warns us about the problem of greed. In this parable, Jesus tells about a wealthy and successful farmer who produced such a big crop that he made plans to tear down his existing barns and build bigger ones to store his abundant harvest. Basking in his success, he had no worries about his future as he looked forward to an easy retirement of eating, drinking, and being merry. We might admire his success, but God called him a fool, because God saw him as selfish and greedy. By ignoring God as well as his neighbors, he forfeited his life.

Jesus did not condemn the rich farmer because he had wealth, but He did condemn his wrong attitude toward his riches. His wealth had become the most important thing in his life. Through this parable, God is warning us about the problem of greed and our need to use our wealth properly. With God’s help, we can escape the grip that money can have on us and “*seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well*” (Matthew 6:33).

SOLUTIONS:

Solution to Bible Incomplete:

Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. I Thessalonians 5:16-18

QUOTEFALL 42

Professing themselves to be wise they became fools -- (Romans 1:22) KJV

QUOTEFALL 43

I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ -- (Romans 1:16) KJV

MARK THESE DATES

OCTOBER 2011

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

NO Saturday Service on October 1st

Sunday October 2, 2011 - 50th 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.

October 8	Fall Work Day
October 9	Confirmation Servant Event
October 16	God Squad Halloween Party 12:30 – 3:00 pm
October 30	Confirmation Servant Event

NOVEMBER 2011

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

November 6	All Saint's Sunday Congregation Meeting 2:30 pm
November 13	Grandparents Day Luncheon – 12:00 pm
November 15	Book Club - 7:30 – 9 in Library
November 23	Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service @ 7:30 PM
November 24 & 25	Church Office Closed
November 27	First Sunday in Advent
November 30	Mid Week Advent Service 7:30 pm

DECEMBER 2011

Saturday Evening Services at 5:00 PM – December 3, 10, 17

December 7, 14, & 21 Mid week Advent Service 7:30 pm

December 4	Angel Tree Gifts Due Back
December 10	Care Center Christmas Program
December 17	Sunday School Rehearsal
December 18	Sunday School Christmas Pageant 10:30 am

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Worship Services
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Sunday School at **9:15 am**
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