

SEPTEMBER 2010

Jesus said "I am the good shepherd. The sheep hear the shepherd's voice and he leads them. They follow him because they know his voice." John 10:11,3-4

The Shepherd's Voice

SUNDAYS AT GOOD SHEPHERD (see page 2)

2 Worship Services of Holy Communion

8:15 and 11:00 AM

Sunday Church School, High School and Adult Forums

9:45 –10:45 AM

Childcare offered all morning

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Serve others in many ways (pages 4-6)

- Let's Raise a Roof—Ways to support Habitat for Humanity
- We're having a Clothing Drive.

Learn and Discuss (page 7)

- New Adult Forum Series—Genetics and Faith begins September 19
- Diakonia Study—**New** meeting day—**Tuesday** evenings
First course begins September 28, taught by Rev. Jack Denys
- ***NEW*** Come join others in an Interfaith Book Discussion—
Sunday afternoons in October, led by Rev. Bruce Davidson

Gather and Support - Many small groups resuming in September (page 8-9)

- Dinner Groups – Now you can "Dine Out" or "Host In"
- Go Hiking
- 60+ers have lots of plans for the fall

Families, Young Children and Youth (pages 10-11)

- Sunday Church School Begins September 12 at **9:45 AM (new time)**
- Little Lights now meeting on Tuesdays
- New Confirmation Ministry and Youth Summit and Celebration
- Bibles for our children



**Sunday, September 12, 2010
12:30 - 4:00 PM**

**Come and join us on the church grounds
Pick up an invitation at the Welcome Center
and invite a friend and neighbor**

For children and families

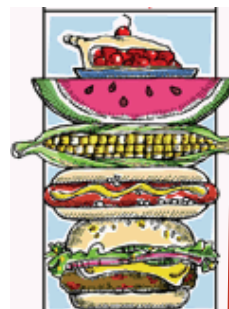
- ☺ Puppet Shows
- ☺ Crafts
- ☺ Face Painting
- ☺ Games
- ☺ Races
- ☺ Music



Especially for Adults

- ☺ Bocce Ball
- ☺ Horseshoes
- ☺ Music
- ☺ Crafts and Games for you too!
- ☺ Meet your neighbors

- ☺ Freshly Grilled Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Bratwurst & Veggie Burgers
- ☺ Delicious homemade Salads and Desserts



Mission Statement: Forgiven by God's grace and led by God's love, We are:

+ Gathered to worship and learn + Strengthened to follow Christ and + Equipped to serve...For the sake of the world.

Sundays at Good Shepherd

September 5 - Luke 14:25-33

Give up your possessions.

- ✠ Summer Sunday Bible Study

September 12 – Luke 15: 1

Lost sheep and lost coin

- ✠ Sunday Church School resumes (*page 11*)
- ✠ 3rd Graders receive Bibles (*page 10*)
- ✠ Prayers for Healing
- ✠ Sending Communion Ministers
- ✠ 9/11 Prayers of Remembrance at 9:45 AM
- ✠ Church and Community Picnic (*page 1*)

September 19 - Luke 16: 1 - 13

Serving God or wealth

- ✠ Grace *Alive!* Worship
- ✠ Beginners Bible presentation (*page 10*)
- ✠ Godspeed for Mission Trip Build in Biloxi, MI
- ✠ 9:45 AM Adult Forum Series begins on Genetics and Faith: Power, Choice, and Responsibility (*page 7*)

September 26 - Luke 16: 19 - 31

Poor Lazarus and the rich man

- ✠ Worship Steward Thank you

October 3—Luke 17: 5 - 10

Faith the size of a mustard seed

- ✠ 3:30 to 5:00 Sunday Afternoon Interfaith Book Discussion begins (*page 7*)



Fall means Back to School ~ it
Choir Rehearsals also means **Back to Choir!**
Resume

Thank you members of Good Shepherd's choir and welcome all back for a new season.

New members are invited to join us. If you love to sing, enjoy a good laugh and fellowship with others and sharing God's gift of music, then WE WANT YOU!

Rehearsals resume

Thursday, September 2 at 7:45 PM

Please contact our Choir Director, Debbie Gelormine, with any questions.

**NewsLetter
DEADLINE**

Articles for next issue are due

Sunday, September 19

This issue will cover October 3—November 6.

Prayers of Remembrance of 9/11

Sunday, September 12, 9:45 AM

Join us for Prayers of Remembrance in the Memorial Garden on September 12 at 9:45 AM (between our morning worship services).



Worship Steward Thank You

HOW MANY WORSHIP STEWARDS DOES IT TAKE TO CHANGE A LIGHT BULB?

We may not know the answer to that question, **but on September 26** you'll see how many it takes to make Worship services happen at GSLC!

Please join us at either service and during the fellowship hour as we recognize the gifts shared by our many volunteers.



Let there be cake!

Peg Bernhardt, Worship Ministry Chair

Blessing of the Animals

IN THE SPIRIT OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



Saturday, October 9 ~ 1:00 PM

Each year in October the church commemorates the work of St. Francis of Assisi whose mission was to convey God's love for all of his creatures and the need to protect all animals.

Bring your pet (or a picture of your pet) and join Pastor Chris on the church lawn (Clark Street side) for prayers and a special blessing of the animals. In consideration of our special guests, the service will be *very* brief.

Registration is necessary; sign up on the kiosk. In case of inclement weather, we will gather in the Narthex.

Reminder

If you have pictures of recent church activities you'd be willing to share for use in presentations, please forward them to Susan Capetta at the church office or via email to secretary@gslutheranchurch.org.



Our Congregation Council at its July 13 Meeting ...



- welcomed new council members: Bob Day, Janine Shugan, Eric Westburg and Michelle North. Council installation will be on July 25.
- received letters of thanks from Somerville Area FISH, Lutheran Social Ministries of NJ, and Home Sharing for our donations.
- elected Carl Schulz to the vacant council position for a one-year term.
- elected Jill Weidner as President, Johanna Scholl as President-Elect, and Gale Treible as Secretary for the term beginning July 2010 and ending June 2011.
- approved Cindy Dilks to continue as Recorder with grateful acknowledgement and appreciation for all of her hard work throughout her tenure as council recorder.
- appointed Jeff Davis as chair of the technology team for 2010-2011.
- approved the Day Care Ministry Team’s recommendation to hire Brianna Gallicchio as an afternoon teacher.
- read and signed a letter on behalf of the congregation to Eenhango Church in Namibia that will accompany GSLC’s donation to their building fund.
- heard a summary of events of the Junior High Youth Servant trip to Washington, DC.

August 10 Meeting ...

- approved our participation in the Natural Church Development Program; a program designed to help churches focus on key qualities for growth, following a presentation by Pastor Barry Benson.
- heard a presentation by Stewardship on activities planned around Commitment Sunday on October 24, 2010.
- heard a report from property concerning the repairs to the A/C in Luther Hall.
- informed of next work day planned for Saturday, October 23.
- heard an update from Worship Planning on the sound system. Phase 1 of the new system should be functional for September *Grace Alive!* services.
- heard an overview of the restructuring of Social Ministry in order to better serve our community.
- heard a report by Adult and Family on the Congregational Picnic planned for September 12. The community will be invited.
- heard from Day Care that Judy Pfister is organizing a clothing drive to help cover some of Maria Farfan’s medical expenses from her bone marrow transplant.
- heard details of the new Confirmation Program from Pastor Chris.
- heard we are still woefully behind in offerings for the year and monies are being transferred from savings to cover the bills.


Contribution Statements Thru Email

In order to save the cost and time of printing, envelope stuffing, stamps, etc., church offering contribution statements for the first half of 2010 were emailed out to families that have an email address on record with the church. Emailing statements saves the church \$400+ a year.

Future quarterly statements will also be emailed from now on. Please contact Skip Schaeffer, Financial Secretary, at skip@gslutheranchurch.org, leave a note in his church mailbox, or call Susan Capetta in the church office if:

- you don't want your statement emailed in the future, or
- you have a different email address you want the statement sent to, or
- you received a statement in the mail but want future statements emailed, then please provide a valid email address.

Thank you for your consideration.

Financial Update—As of August 9, 2010	
	Receipts \$348,169
	Expenses 342,602
	Difference - 7,801
	Unpaid Bills Approximately 11,000

Property Work Days

Saturday, October 23 - 8AM – 2PM

Our workday on July 17 was very successful as 42 members of the congregation showed up to move 40 yards of mulch, build new benches and picnic tables and numerous other tasks. A heartfelt thank you goes to all who were able to participate.



Our next workday is scheduled for **Saturday, October 23** and we hope to finish those tasks that were not completed and move on to necessary items to prepare our facilities for the winter.

We will have inside and outside work, so the weather is not an issue. Come anytime during this period—it doesn't have to be the whole time. Sign up on the kiosk to let us know you are coming so we have sufficient supplies on hand.

If you can't make this day, please see Judy Pfister for a task that can be done at another time that fits your skill set. Thank you for sharing your gifts from the Spirit to keep our facilities alive!

Sharing Our Gifts

Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey is one of the many ministries we help to support through our offerings.



Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey provides hospitality, healing and hope to those in New Jersey who hurt, who are in need or who have limited choices, regardless of religious affiliation or background. Through a diversified social ministry program addressing many critical human care needs, LSM/NJ is caring for the people of New Jersey and providing for them a place to call home. They are a not-for-profit, mission-driven organization whose scope of services is broad. Each year, they reach out and assist more than 3,500 people in need across the state. They continue to develop new programs and build new facilities to care for those individuals and families that require our help. As an agency, they believe they have a responsibility to establish and maintain a relationship with the people we serve, the congregations and organizations we partner with, the communities in which we have a presence, our volunteers, our staff and those representing our government and other organizations.

Extra Mile Giving



Let's Raise a Roof!

September is our month for Extra Mile Giving to help build a Habitat home in Bridgewater (actually just a few blocks from Main Street in Somerville). Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity (RVHFH) is building 9 homes on Southside Avenue and Dutch Lane, only 10 blocks from our church.

How can we help?

- Help raise a roof by donating funds this month using the Blue Outreach and Memorial Fund envelopes in the pews and Welcome Center ~ place "✓" by other and indicate "RVHFH" on the envelope. Funds will be matched by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans up to \$600.
- Help us build on Saturday, October 2. We have 15 slots allotted to Good Shepherd. If you can't build that day, you're always welcome on either the Wednesday or Thursday work crew. Sign up on the kiosk.
- Also, sign up to make lunch for the work crews on October 2. We will be making sandwiches, cookies and fruit and delivering them to the worksite.
- Volunteer, along with a group of your friends, to provide lunch for one of the upcoming Women Build Days. This is day where women only build a house for a single Mom. Lunch is usually provided for 30-40 women. This is a great service project for a Women's group or an inter-generational confirmation project. Upcoming dates are October 23 (Make a Difference Day Women Build), November 13 and December 11.
- Sign up to be a site host at any time during the next year. Site hosts help sign in the workers for the day, give safety instructions, collect papers and then are done for the day usually by 9:15 AM.
- Join one of the other committees that make RVHFH one of the best run non-profits around – maximizing volunteer strengths and your donations. Look for the display in the Narthex during the month of September.



Plant a Row for the Hungry

Keep Those Veggies Coming!
Plant a Row for the Hungry is Still Growing!




Those crops you planted should be ripening. Don't let them go to waste! Drop them at the church by Friday evening and Judy Pfister will deliver them to the Food Bank along with the Daycare harvest every Saturday morning. As of August 10 we have delivered 78 pounds of cucumbers, soy beans, lettuce, swiss chard, herbs, eggplant, peppers and tomatoes.

Do you have friends with an abundant harvest? Ask them for the leftovers – zucchini, peaches, tomatoes – we take them all. In this economic environment, people are having trouble paying their rent - fresh veggies are one of the first things to be cut from their budget.

Food Bank

Thank you to Good Shepherd volunteers who staffed the local Somerville distribution center for the Somerset County Food Bank this summer.

In addition to Plant a Row for the Hungry, your donations of food year round is always appreciated.

 Don't forget the need for tuna fish. The supply is running low.

4th of July Picnic Baskets



We wish to thank everyone who generously donated food and money to send picnic baskets to those less fortunate. Because of you, fifteen families – 36 adults and 26 children – were able to celebrate the week of the 4th of July with much needed food and were grateful for your generosity and goodwill.

Thanks, also, to those who took the time to help sort, shop and deliver the food. We also shared some of the donated food to help the food bank.

Thanks again for the gifts you shared.
Rosely and Buck LaFever
Coordinators of Food Baskets

**Interfaith Hospitality Network—IHN
Ministry to the Homeless**



**We will host IHN guests the week of
September 5 - 12**

Check the kiosk for opportunities to help.

IHN provides shelter, meals, and support services to families without homes through a cost-efficient and effective community response to family homelessness.

Coordinator—Bill Jonat

Arbor Glen Worship

We gather in the Holly Center to share the Word, praise the Lord in song and give thanks in prayer.



Sunday, October 10, 1:15 PM

Please prayerfully consider joining this ministry to our older neighbors who are unable to be a part of weekly congregational worship.

Especially needed are those who wish to share the Gospel either through a short message, poems, art, music or other talent.

Sign up on the kiosk if you can help.

Coordinators:
Janice Reinhardt and Sandy Alexander

Community Groups

Meeting at Good Shepherd
AA on Mondays, 8:00–9:00 PM

ESL (English as a Second Language)

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30–11:30 AM

Classes resume September 30

Contact Hunterdon County Educational Services
Commission at 908-806-2795 for information



Backpacking-for-Others Program.

What a terrific response! Your contributions of supplies and money, plus a \$600 grant from Thrivent Financial, will touch the lives of over 300 children.



183 backpacks were assembled for Lutheran Social Ministries to help families in need and newly arrived refugees get their children ready for school.



Support Maria Farfan

Saturday, September 18 ~ 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Collections at:

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

300 Union Avenue
Somerville, NJ 08876

and

Sunnymead Elementary School

55 Sunnymeade Road
Hillsborough, NJ 08844

On Saturday, September 18, the Central Jersey Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be hosting a Used Clothing Drive to support Maria Farfan in her recovery from cancer. Maria, the 11 year-old daughter of a past Daycare teacher, has been suffering with T-cell lymphoma since the age of 6. Now in remission, she had a bone marrow transplant in May. The family is facing enormous past and ongoing medical bills.

Clean used clothing, shoes, accessories, bedding, linens, towels and small toys will be collected at two locations on September 18 from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

Please check out www.clothingdrive.net for a full list of items to be donated. They sort the clothes and only unusable clothes are scrapped—all the rest of the articles are sent to the relief areas, domestically and internationally—see the website for more details.

We are looking for Thrivent Members, non-Thrivent members and local scout troops to help with the collections on September 18. We need 10-12 people in each 2-hour shift between 7:30 AM and 4:00 PM to help unload cars, hand out receipts and then load the truck at 2:00 PM.

Please sign up on the kiosk if you can help. You don't have to be a Thrivent member to help!



Caring for God's Earth — Be the Solution

With home values down across the country from last year, many New Jersey residents have forgone “For Sale” signs, banking on better times ahead. But a tough economy is a great time to fix up your present home. Minimal expenses today can translate into increased values once the economy rebounds.

The most important simple improvement homeowners can do is replace their single-pane windows with double panes. Double-pane windows reduce heat loss in cold weather and keep cold air during summer, lowering energy bills. Federal stimulus package rebates up to \$1,500 further reduce costs which for an average window is \$300 to \$500. Homeowners who make the change, however, should note not all Energy Star windows qualify for the rebate. Only windows with an Energy Star insulating value of .30 or less will be covered. Windows alone could raise a house's value by \$10,000, depending on the neighborhood and other aesthetics.

Other ways to improve ‘curb appeal’ include siding and installing new roofs. Roofs last between 20 and 50 years. Cheaper still, vinyl siding can be re-painted but requires a professional painter.

Power washing also can add to a home's value, brightening the exterior and making it appear newer. Unlike siding, power washing can be done professionally or by the homeowner.

Removing overgrown or dead trees and hedges further adds to home's appeal.

When push comes to shove, you want to have it so people want to take a look at the inside.

ALTAR GUILD CORNER: The “Altar” is the Communion Table by which is served the Lord's Supper. It represents God's presence at our dining table, and as we partake of Holy Communion, entreats the petition... "Do This in Remembrance of Me".

A “Crossword Puzzle” is available on the kiosk. Answers to the “Word Find” is also there. Please enjoy.

If you would like to join us in this important ministry, please contact Myla Groth, Maureen DeMarco, or Pat Whitehead for information.



Sunday Mornings

9:45 – 10:45 AM
(childcare available)



Genetics and Faith:

Power, Choice, and Responsibility. A five-week study on the proposed social statement of the ELCA will look at social, theological and ethical themes related to the study and research on genetics. We will view excerpts from the NOVA film, “Cracking the Code of Life” with invited guest speakers. Copies of the study guide are available for \$10.

- Sept. 19** Caring for Neighbors: Vocation, responsibility, and community
- Sept. 26** Human Power Today: Innovation and accountability before God
- Oct. 3** Toward a Lutheran Ethic in the Age of Genetics
- Oct. 10** Genetic Testing and Screening: What do we choose to know?
- Oct. 17** Genetic Engineering in Agriculture: How will we be fed?

Saturday Book Discussion



Dan Groth, Cathy Hunter and Don Stiger continue to lead stimulating conversations.

Join us for a new topic on
Saturdays, September 11, 18, 25
9:30-11:00 AM at church

“Life Together” by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. This book by German theologian Bonhoeffer, was written while he taught at an underground seminary. This reasonably priced book is readily available.

If you would like to receive emails about upcoming discussions, leave a note in Cathy Hunter's mail slot.

An Interfaith Book Discussion on

“American Gospel: God, the Founding Fathers and the Making of a Nation”



by Jon Meacham

Sunday Afternoons from 3:30 - to 5:00 PM

Are We a “Christian Nation”?

- October 3** Chapters 1 & 2
The Foundations of the Nation
- October 10** Chapters 3-6
Lincoln to the Civil Rights Movement
- October 17** Lutheran Perspectives on the Relationship of Church and State. This evening’s discussion will be followed by a supper for continuing conversation and connections

Facilitated by The Rev. Bruce Davidson, ELCA
From the Lutheran Office of Governmental Ministry

Books are available in the church office for \$16.



diakonia



Are you interested?
Come to INFORMATION NITE
Tuesday, September 21
7:00 PM at church.

This is a two-year ongoing 12-course study of 5 sessions each. Classes are in a small group setting with participants from area congregations. It provides spiritual formation and theological education to deepen your faith.

First course—

September 28, October 5, 12, 19 and 26
7:00-10:00 PM

Lutheran Creeds and Confessions
Taught by Rev. Jack Denys.

This course includes topics: God and Sin, Justification by Grace Alone, Church and Ministry, Sacraments, and others.

Check the kiosk for info or contact Joan Grace.

“...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ” (Ephesians 4:12)



Bible Study

All are welcome

Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM

- Study of World Religions
 - Sept. 16 at Mary Khoury ‘s home
 - Sept. 23 at Margaret Cotton ‘s home
 - Sept. 30 at Connie Zylman’s home
 - Oct. 7 at Jeanne Locke’s home
 - Oct. 14 at Marty Pillsbury’s home
- Coordinator: Jeanne Locke

Wednesday afternoon study will resume in October.

Dinner Groups Are Forming



This is a great way to minister to new and prospective members of our congregation while enjoying a great meal.

To host in the homes here's how it works—three couples (not necessarily married, any two people can sign up as a “couple”) are teamed up to form one dinner group. They take turns hosting (preparing the main meal and inviting two people) — and another couple brings the appetizers and another bring the dessert.

NEW

We are adding another dimension.

If couples would prefer to dine out at a restaurant instead of hosting in their homes, we are going to see if we can make up a group of three couples who would like that. The group would then invite two people to dinner.

Sign up on the kiosk for either “Host In” or “Dine Out!”
Coordinators: Kevin and Pat Whitehead

60+ers

Join us for good fellowship, interesting programs and refreshments on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at **1:00 PM** at church.



September 8 - Sociology of International Barbershop Champions 101. "Barbershopping is not just American" led by Ed Kunkel.

October 13 - Halloween party and games just for you. If possible, bring your favorite board or card game. Entrance requirement options:

- a. Wear a mask or funny hat or
- b. Bring food bank contribution - food or cash

November 10 - 2nd Journey of Paul in Greece
Bonnie and Ed Gould will offer a video presentation of their travel experience.

In 2011, would you like to share your experiences of trips, crafts, hobbies, stories? Contact Ed Kunkel, Doug Allen, or Fred Mountjoy.

Coordinator: Marilyn Mountjoy

Go Green - Go for a Hike

Sunday, September 26, 2010

Middle Brook Trail, Bridgewater, NJ
One-hour or two-hour hikes.

Meet at Good Shepherd at 12:30 PM
or the Crim School at 12:45 PM.

Wear sneakers or boots; bring water, snacks, sunscreen or rain gear!

Sign up on the kiosk. Hike Leader: Bill Jonat



Lutheran Men in Mission

All men are welcome to join us for breakfast and interesting discussions.



Saturdays, September 18, October 2 and 16
7:30 AM in Luther Hall

LMM will meet only once in September on the 18th.
Fred Mountjoy will do the honors for cooking.

Starting in October we will resume our twice a month schedule, with meetings on the first and third Saturdays of the month.

Coordinator: Dean Levin



Don't forget to gather at the Church and Community Picnic on Sunday, September 12
See page 1 for details.

Looking ahead:

New Member Orientation Classes

will be held on Sundays:
October 24, 31, and
November 7 at 12:15 PM.

New members will be received on November 14.



Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

Wednesday, November 17

Time TBA

Look for sign-up sheet on the kiosk

Cost \$56.



**Women of Faith
“Over the Top
Friday to Saturday
September 10-11**



Women of Faith, “Over the Top”

Wachovia Center (now known as the Wells Fargo Center), Philadelphia, PA.
Contact Brenda Linton or Myla Groth for info [ASAP](#).

Sisters of Ruth

ALL women of GSLC are invited to join us as we share devotions, fellowship, discussions.

Monday, September 27, 1:00 PM at church
The first fall meeting program will include discussion following the WELCA convention held the previous Saturday.
Coordinator: Sandy Alexander

**NJ Women of the ELCA
23rd Annual Convention
Saturday, September 25
8:45 AM-4:30 PM**



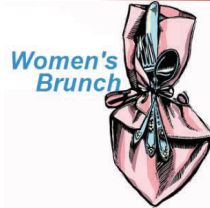
“Be Still and Know That I Am God”
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Beachwood, NJ
Cost - \$40 Adults - \$15 Youth
Register by September 15.
Website – www.njwelca.org
Contact Lynn Wirth or Sandy Alexander for info.



Daughters of Eve

Informal gathering with a focus on women’s issues and outreach projects.

Tuesday, September 7, 7:30 PM
Join us at Nancy Davis’ home for a Book Discussion on “Deadline” by Randy Alcorn. If you need a copy of the book contact
Coordinators: Pat Whitehead and Joan Grace

**Looking Ahead:
Ladies—Mark your Calendar
Saturday, October 16**



Prayer Shawl Ministry	Shepherd Stitchers	Crafteers
 <p>All are welcome to participate in any or all of these groups. No experience necessary — All supplies and instruction provided.</p>		
<p>Will resume Saturday, October 2 at 10:00 AM</p> <p>Knitting and crocheting shawls for the sick, grieving and homebound as a tangible symbol of our prayers, love and concern.</p> <p>We provide the yarn, patterns and instruction if you will share your willing hands and time. The yarn is provided by donations and support from our local Thrivent chapter.</p> <p>For info, contact Connie Zylman.</p>	<p>Mondays, 6:30 PM September 13 & 20 and October 4</p> <p>Tuesdays, 1:00 PM September 14 & 21 and October 5</p> <p>Creating quilts and other projects to share with others around the world.</p> <p>Thanks to the Memorial Committee for helping us get our sewing machines serviced.</p> <p>Janice Brunsbach is our experienced and patient teacher who welcomes everyone.</p>	<p>Meets Wednesdays, 9:30 AM Year-Round</p> <p>Creating mementos celebrating events in our church family.</p> <p>Join us on Wednesday mornings</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-or-</p> <p>Create at your leisure at home. Kits are available.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Coordinator: Joan Grace</p> 



Christian Day Care and Pre-School
NAEYC Accredited

- We welcome all our new and returning children and look forward to a new school year of learning.
- As we start the new year, we will get acquainted with our teachers, our classrooms and make new friends.
- We'll take a trip to the Apple Farm to pick apples.
- Judy Pfister will continue gardening with the children once a week as well as Linda Walker having Chapel Time and Cindy Chomiak teaching healthy cooking.
- Our summer was filled with fun activities, indoors and out, with our alumni children and our current children.

Our license was renewed with DYFS—the inspector was extremely pleased with our school and thanked us for having such a wonderful place for children.

Day Care Open House
Thursday, September 2, 10:00 AM to 12 Noon

We have a few openings for our regular daycare program, as well as our Before And After School program (for Adamsville children only). If you have any questions about our programs, please call:

Anjali or Pat at 908-704-0080 or email us at daycairedir@gslutheranchurch.org.

Little Lights

A Playgroup for Young Children and Their Caregivers



****NOTE the new meeting day of the week!****

TUESDAYS in Luther Hall at 10:00 am

Other activities:

Sunday, September 12, 12:30-4 PM

Church and Community Picnic. See page 1.

Sunday, September 26, afternoon

Fishing and Fall Foliage Exploration!

Location to be announced.

Please join our email list for event specifics by sending an email to lights@gslutheranchurch.org. Sometimes plans have to change as an event gets closer, due to weather or sickness or unforeseen circumstances, so we notify everyone via email.

Let Your Lights Shine! - Heather Gliot

Bibles for Beginners

Sunday, September 19
at the 8:15 or 11:00 AM
worship service



The congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will present parents of three-year-old children with a Spark Story Bible to give to their child. Bibles will be given to children with birthdates between October 1, 2006 and September 30, 2007.

Parents are invited to enroll their child in our Sunday Church School Beginner's Class that starts on **Sunday, September 12 at 9:45 AM**. We provide a warm and caring learning environment for children to grow in God's love through story, song, art, drama, and more.

If you would like to enroll your child in Sunday Church School, contact Lynda Pullis, Director of Children's and Youth Ministry by
phone 908-685-1660 or
email lynda@gslutheranchurch.org.

Children in Third Grade and Parents

Bible Presentation

Sunday, September 12

at the 8:15 or 11:00 AM worship service

The congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will continue to help parents fulfill their baptismal promises by presenting parents with a Holy Bible – Children's Illustrated Edition to give to their child.

Bible Covering and Pizza Party for Children in Third Grade and Parents



Sunday, September 19, 5:00 – 6:30 PM

We will provide the pizza and ask parents to supply veggies and dip, desserts, and beverages. Students will receive a Bible cover and bookmark to personalize (*no siblings please*).

Bible Explorers Class and Dinner for Children in Third Grade and Parents

Sunday, October 17, 4:30 – 7:00 PM

We will introduce third grade students to their new Bible with activities to help child and parents increase their Bible reading and skills.

**Head to the Heart
Confirmation Ministry**

We are revitalizing our confirmation ministry. *Head to the Heart* is a parent-involved small group ministry which equips parents/guardians to be more active participants in the faith life of their children in grades 7, 8, & 9.



**A Service of Promise,
Blessings and Bibles
For Youth in Grades 7, 8, & 9
and Parents**

Wednesday, September 8, 7:00 – 8:30 PM
All Youth in Grades 7, 8, & 9 and Parents/Guardians

Head to the Heart begins...

**For Youth Entering Grades 8 & 9 and
their parents
Wednesday, September 8 at 7:00 PM**

**For Youth Entering Grade 7
Sunday, September 12 at 9:45 AM**

**For Parents of Youth Entering Grade 7
Sunday, September 19 at 9:45 AM**

Youth Summit & Celebration

Hear! Share! Discover!
Sunday, October 3, 2:00 PM
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Princeton Junction, NJ



Youth in Grades 7 -12
Come, Hear God’s Word
Come, Share God’s Love
Come, Discover What’s New

Guest musician to be announced in September
??? Agape – Rachel Kurtz – Larry Olsen ????

Make new and renew friendships...
Text the friends you’ve made at other NJ Synod Events...Among the Wolves, Winter Youth Assembly, NJ Jr. High Servant Trip and plan to meet at the Summit/Celebration

Cost: \$10, includes lunch
Registration/permission forms are required

Looking Ahead

NJ Synod Jr. High Retreat - For Grades 7-9
Among the Wolves
Friday-Sunday, November 19 - 21

NJ Synod Sr. High Retreat - For Grades 9 - 12
Winter Youth Assembly
Friday-Sunday, February 18 – 20

**NEW TIME FOR SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL - 9:45-10:45 AM
BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**



Join the Flock at Sunday School!

Enrollment packets were mailed to all families with children and youth between 3 and 18 years of age. If you did not receive a packet that included a welcome letter, enrollment form, and medical emergency or dismissal form please contact Lynda Pullis, Director of Children’s and Youth Ministry by phone 908-685-1660 or email lynda@gslutheranchurch.org.



Parents of College Students:

The church office is gathering updated addresses for college students. Please provide us with your college student’s mailing address as well as their email address. You may email this information to office@gslutheranchurch.org or call the church office. We will be sending care packages in late November just in time for final exams. Your child does not have to be away at school to receive one! These care packages are usually stuffed with lots of homemade goodies, some fun items to relieve stress and thoughtful notes of inspiration.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

† Joan Bowden † Janice Brunsbach † Stephanie Davis † Loretta Grace † Elsie Hall † Caleb Jorgensen † Joe Kmet † Werner Kruck † The Linton family, grieving the death of Hanna Jacobson, Martin Linton's aunt	† April Newton-on disability † Peggy Reier † Christian Schaeffer † Eleanor Schwendeman † The Soldivieri and Grace families, grieving the death of Mimi Soldivieri, Nick Soldivieri's mother † Mildred Snyder † Amy Wacker	Homebound Members † Louise Baldwin † Emily Blenderman † Frieda Connor † Ruth Lombardy † Andrew Martiny † Nancy Mastrianni † Arlean Meck † John Wills
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- † Brycen Alexander Cates, born May 11, 2010, baptized July 18, 2010.
- † Aidan Connor Vako-Graves, born October 16, 2004, baptized July 25, 2010.
- † Kaden Jonathan Arnold, born November 17, 2009, baptized August 22, 2010.



- † Kristin Warta and Michael Carriel, on August 7, 2010.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY ON THEIR BIRTHDAYS

9/1	Jess Shelcusky	9/18	Rosely LaFever
9/2	Sandy Mountney		Joe Kmet
	Gillian Reinhardt		Kyle Schroeder-Feyrer
9/3	Matthew Mocekis		Ryan Cernuto
9/4	Charlie Letko	9/19	Phyllis Vones
	Thomas Grace		Fred Mountjoy
9/5	Connie Kmet	9/20	Jenn Haff
9/6	Pam Ruggini	9/21	Gail Hammond
	Renee Huseman		Tom Smith
	Rachel Engebretson		Nancy Waltermire
	Christian Martinez		Brian Smith
9/7	Kathy Boegershausen		Jack Wright
	Bill Schwiederek	9/22	Jaylee Engebretson
	Kim Quaschnik		Beau Gabbett
	Kyle Fine		Katrina Duque
9/8	Carol Slavin	9/23	Bette Johnson
	Bob Bryant		Michael Mahedy
9/9	Diana Dunne	9/24	Kim Blasic
9/12	Elaine Volk		Andrew Insua
	Jeremy Goldstone		Christian Gallicchio
	Ethan Warta	9/26	Richard Demchak
9/14	David Lohse	9/27	Joe Hall
	Rachel Laruffa		Polly Carlson
9/15	Louise Eilers	9/28	Wendy Fine
	Lisa Slavin		Barbara Turck
	Cassandra Shiloff	9/29	Sandy Alexander
9/16	Susan McCallen		Amanda Velcheck
9/17	Dick Seebach	9/30	Sam Matarazzo
	Deanna Del Cielo		Ellen Parker
			Tricia Moser

If your September birthday is incorrect or not listed here, please call the church office. Thanks.