



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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Due Sunday, October 17

This issue will cover November 7—December 4.

Giving Thanks with a Grateful Heart!



**Give thanks with a grateful heart.
 Give thanks to the Holy One.
 Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.
 And now let the weak say ‘I am strong.’
 Let the poor say ‘I am rich.’
 Because of what the Lord has done for us!
 Give thanks. Give thanks.**

What does it mean to respond to God with grateful hearts for all that he has done for us?

Come and join us before, during, and after Sunday worship in October as we contemplate this question. See images of how our offerings answer Christ’s call to make his presence known to the world. Watch a video of Good Shepherd members telling their stories about giving gratefully. Add your voice as we raise grateful hearts together in song and in prayer. And join us in celebration on *Commitment Sunday, October 24, 2010*, as we dedicate ourselves to support God’s work through Good Shepherd Church during 2011.

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**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

8:15 and 11:00 AM Worship Services
9:45 AM Sunday Church School / High
School / Adult Forums

October 3 - Luke 17:5-10

Faith the size of a mustard seed

- ✝ 2:00 PM Youth Summit & Celebration
- ✝ 3:30 PM Interfaith Book Discussion (pg 7)

October 10 - Luke 17:11-19

One leper gives thanks to God

- ✝ Prayers for Healing
- ✝ Sending Communion Ministers
- ✝ 1:15 PM Arbor Glen Worship (pg 6)
- ✝ 3:30 PM Interfaith Book Discussion (pg 7)

October 17 - Luke 18:1-8

A widow begs for justice

- ✝ Grace *Alive!* Worship
- ✝ 3:30 PM Interfaith Book Discussion (pg 7)
- ✝ 4:00 PM Bible Explorers for 3rd graders (pg 4)

October 24 - Luke 18:9-14

A Pharisee and tax collector pray

- ✝ Commitment Sunday
- ✝ 9:45 AM Parents of Gr. 7 Confirmands
- ✝ 12:15 PM - New Member Class
- ✝ ??? CROP WALK (page ??)

October 31 - John 8:31-36

Jesus says, "Continue in my word and you will know the truth."

- ✝ Reformation Day
- ✝ 12:15 AM - New Member Class

November 7 - Luke 6:20-31

Jesus speaks blessings and woes

- ✝ All Saints Sunday
- ✝ 12:15 AM - New Member Class

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.

Lutheran-Methodist Celebration

On Saturday, October 9, there will be a celebration of the full-communication agreement between the ELCA and the United Methodist Church.



This is to take place at Calvary Methodist Church, 572 Ryders Lane, East Brunswick, NJ 08816. The day includes worship in the Methodist tradition, lunch and early afternoon presentations by Dr. Timothy Wengert and Dr. Kadi Billman, from the Lutheran and Methodist perspectives. Information and registration are available on the New Jersey Synod website (www.njsynod.org).

New Member Orientation Classes

If you would like to become a member of Good Shepherd Church, please attend the three-part series that is being offered on **Sundays, October 24, 31 and November 7 at 12:15 PM.**



New members will be received into membership on Sunday, November 14. To sign up for the classes, please see the kiosk for the sign up sheet or call the church office and speak to Susan Capetta, Office Administrator.



Daylight-Saving Time Ends

**Don't forget to set your
clocks back
Sunday, November 7
at 2:00 AM.**

Our Congregation Council at its September 14 Meeting ...



- reviewed letters of thanks from the Crawford House, Inc., IHN, Lincoln Hose Fire Company, and the Somerset Chaplaincy of the Elderly.
- heard we are still woefully behind in offerings for the year and that little monies remain to be transferred from savings to cover the bills.
- heard that Joyce Jonat is heading a Human Resources Team that will draft an employee policy manual that will delineate and align the policies for the Church and Day Care staff.
- approved the spending of Memorial Funds to purchase a small communion tray to be used to offer communion to wheelchair-bound members during worship service. The tray is being purchased in honor of Hanna Jacobson.
- approved the hiring of two employees for the after-care program at the Day Care.
- heard core team members Janine Shugan, Jan Schnitzlein and Dan Groth will lead our participation in the Natural Church Development Program.
- informed of next work day is Saturday, October 23.
- informed that Commitment Sunday is October 24.
- informed that our Annual Meetings will be held on January 30 and June 5, 2011.
- heard from Pastor Chris that the new Confirmation Program is a going well and offering a wonderful opportunity for parents to connect and worship with their children.

Picnic Thank You!

We would like to thank all those who helped make September’s Church and Community Picnic a success. Planning can only take such an event so far, it was you who brought the plans to life!



From mailings, balloon arches, to set up outside, moving inside, the whoosh of the grill lighting, to the bite of the very first Brat, the bounce of the first child, toss of the first egg, and the last fold of the last tent, you were so supportive - a great day was had by all and it was thanks to your efforts and hard work!!

Yours in Christ, Pat Whitehead and Denise Schulz

Empty metal Coffee Cans Needed

Large empty metal coffee cans are needed for altar flower delivery. Please bring them to church and leave them near the church office.



Thank you!



Financial Update—As of August 31, 2010

Total Income	\$362,336
Expenses to Date	\$385,432
We are Behind by	\$ 23,096

This deficit is greater than expected. We have used all but \$1,000 of the balance from last year and transferred reserves. Please help Good Shepherd Church continue its mission and ministries to serve others by bringing your pledged offering up-to-date. Or prayerfully consider paying your pledge in advance or increasing your pledge to help off set our current deficit.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership in ministry.



ALTAR GUILD CORNER



The "Reredos" (pronounced “rare a dos”) is a screen or decoration behind the Altar and usually depicts religious image. At Good Shepherd, look up behind the Altar as you are walking into the sanctuary. The reredos is the image of Christ's head and arms, reaching out with both arms, inviting us, and bringing us to Him. The arms are the pulpit and the baptismal font, for "Word" and "Baptism," representing God's promise of eternal life.

The third in the series of Altar Guild puzzles is on the Kiosk—it is about the colors of the church year, their meaning and when used. Answers to the second puzzle - the crossword puzzle - are there, too.

We still are looking for new members for the Altar Guild. Please join us in this very important ministry. You can contact Myla Groth, Maureen DeMarco or Pat Whitehead for information.

Have You Voted your Thrivent Choice \$\$\$\$ Yet?

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans introduced a new program, Thrivent Choice, in 2010 in lieu of their Care in Congregation and Giving Plus programs. As the name implies, it's designed to give members a voice in how Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach funds each year.

Thrivent Choice has two components:

1. **Voting Events:** All members (age 16 and older) will have an opportunity to vote to help direct a portion of Thrivent Financial's charitable funds among a short list of national charities one to two times per year. From April 19 to May 21, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans members voted to distribute \$1 million among ten Lutheran and non-Lutheran charitable organizations. For a list of specific organizations please visit https://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/voting/past_results.html.
2. **Choice Dollars:** Eligible benefit members will be able to help direct funds all year long to thousands of Lutheran nonprofit organizations like schools, camps, colleges—or even your Lutheran congregation. Eligibility is based on your involvement with Thrivent Financial, through your ownership of Thrivent Financial life, health or annuity products or your volunteer leadership with our chapter. Eligible members should be receiving letters this month providing details on how to participate.

To find out how much has been allocated to you and to vote your dollars, visit www.Thrivent.com/choicedollars and log in at the top right corner. Not registered on Thrivent.com or don't have access to a computer, then call 1-800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and say "Thrivent Choice." A sample letter is posted on the Thrivent bulletin board outside Room A.

And remember, this program can be used to replace the Care in Congregation program by selecting Good Shepherd Lutheran Church as your voting choice, or you can vote your dollars to support our daycare ministry by selecting Good Shepherd Christian Daycare.

Still can't figure it out? Ask Judy, Glenn Pfister or Dave Wirth for assistance.

Experience a Wonderful Good Shepherd Tradition!

Mark your calendars now for the Living Nativity Saturday, December 18, 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM on the church lawn.

If you have never seen our Living Nativity - you are in for a treat. The beautiful story of the birth of our Savior is narrated with music as members of GSLC appear in costume with live animals.

If you have enjoyed watching our Living Nativity - participating in the production brings the story to a whole new spiritual level. Being in the stable, on a cool evening with starlight shining down on you is an experience both joyous and humbling. Only one brief rehearsal is needed.

See next month's newsletter for more details, or contact Ellen Parker.



Worship Steward Scheduling Christmas Season 2010

Please see the sign-up sheet on the kiosk and sign up soon for worship steward duties for upcoming Christmas services. This gives you the opportunity to choose when you would like to serve instead of being assigned, discovering you are unavailable, and then scrambling to find a substitute. After reviewing the sign-up sheet, we will then fill in any blanks by assigning individuals based on their availability.

We'll send you a reminder of what you've committed to in December as we draw closer to the holidays.

Thank you in advance!

Property Work Days

Saturday, October 23 ~ 8AM - 2PM

Our last work day in 2010 is scheduled for Saturday, October 23, and we hope to finish those tasks that were not completed in August 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. Outside we need to finish building picnic tables and benches in the playground, fix siding on the shed and main church building, weed, mulch, replace and trim trees. Inside we need to finish painting Luther Hall and adjoining rooms, room dividers, wash windows, blinds and screens, caulk baseboards, paint windowsills and the list goes on!

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, sign up on the kiosk and see Judy Pfister for a task that can be done at another time that fits your skill set and convenience.

Thank you for sharing your gifts from the Spirit to keep our facilities working!

Women Serving Women

Saturday, November 13 ~ 11:30AM - 1:30PM

Women Serving Women - a program of Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity (RVHFH) provides an opportunity for women (who might not feel comfortable building) to get involved with Habitat and visit a build site by providing & serving lunch for the participants and crew of a Women Build Workday. Those serving lunch get to meet women from partner families, participant builders, and get a tour of the site.

Women from GSLC will be providing lunch on Saturday, November 13. Sign up on the kiosk to make a main dish, dessert or salad and come help serve the women, meet the partner families and tour the site. This is a great mother-daughter experience. (Girls ages 13 and up are welcome.)

This was lots of fun last year; just ask any of the GSLC folks in the picture on the kiosk!

Sign up on the kiosk.

Extra Mile Giving



October Special Appeal for Middle Earth

Middle Earth (M.E.) is a non-profit, community based agency providing services to at-risk youth through prevention, intervention and crisis services. They work with youth that have broken the law, have histories with drugs and gangs and/or have a dysfunctional home environment. M.E. has served youth in this area for over 35 years by providing tutoring, leadership training, mentoring, community service, crisis intervention and referral services and life skills centers. They also sponsor the Tour of Somerville Bicycle Races and a Christmas Concert.

M.E. is dependent on donations and grants to fund its programs. Please help give youth who don't have all the advantages of Good Shepherd Youth a chance to succeed in life.

Donations may be given using Blue Outreach and Memorial Fund envelopes in the pews and Welcome Center ~ place "✓" by other and indicate "Middle Earth" on the envelope. Thrivent Financial will match \$1.00 for every \$3.00 donated.

Sharing Our Gifts

The Food Bank of Somerset County is one of the many ministries we help to support through our offerings.



The mission of the Food Bank Network is to distribute food and to provide other basic human needs to those in our community who are in need of help. The goal is to create opportunities for people to become self-sufficient but to ensure in the meantime that individuals and families can meet their basic food needs.

The Food Bank of Somerset County has fulfilled this mission since 1982, but the last two years have been critical, as people served has increased dramatically. The Food Bank reports that they are now taking emergency calls from people who need their help and are unable to wait until the regular Saturday pantry distribution. These food pantries – located in Somerville, Bound Brook and North Plainfield – have become an indispensable hedge against hunger for hundreds of our neighbors. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is a long-term supporter of the Food Bank and will staff the Food Bank in December and January.

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

Sunday, November 14, 1:15 PM

Sign up on the kiosk if you can help.

Coordinators:

Janice Reinhardt and Sandy Alexander



**Caring for God’s Earth —
Be the Solution**

A message from the Environmental Team

Less than 3 percent of the earth’s water is fresh and much of that is inaccessible to people. By 2013, at least 36 states are anticipating experiencing water shortages.

Clean Green - Use full loads in your washing machine. Clean driveway, steps, or sidewalk with a broom rather than a hose. Make sure you run dishwasher fully loaded.

Upgrade and Repair - When upgrading toilet, replace it with a high-efficiency toilet. Install low-flow or water-conserving showerhead. Fix leaky faucets right away and install water-saving aerators.

Gardens That Sip, And Guzzle -Water your garden early in the morning or after dusk to prevent evaporation, and avoid watering on windy days. Landscape with native and low-water plants. For indoor plants use leftover water, instead of dumping a half-empty glass of drinking water down the drain. Look into purchasing a rain barrel. The water collected can be used for plants and flowers.

Short Showers - Limit the time spent in the shower to 10 minutes or less and turn off the water while brushing your teeth or shaving to prevent excess water from going down the drain.

Water Accountability - Make sure your home doesn’t have hidden leaks. Do a quick check by reading your water meter before you leave for a few hours (as long as the house is empty when you’re gone). If your meter doesn’t have the same reading when you return, you probably have a leak. For additional water (and money) saving tips and to find how water savvy you are, visit <http://www.savewateramerica.com>.

Sunday, October 24, 2010

**CENTRAL SOMERSET COUNTY
CROP WALK**



CROP WALK (Church World Service) helps children and families worldwide -- and right here in the U.S. -- to have food for today, while building for a better tomorrow. Each year some two million CROP WALKers, volunteers, and sponsors put their hearts and soles in motion, raising over \$16 million per year to help end hunger and poverty around the world -- and in their own communities.

You can support this by making a donation or volunteering to walk yourself. Check out <http://www.churchworldservice/goto/gslc> or check the kiosk for information.



Mission Trip to Biloxi

All our builders returned safe and sound with all fingers and toes in tact. Some learned new skills as they helped build with the Gulf Coast Habitat Affiliate. Watch out, Pastor Chris knows how to use a nail gun!

Thank you

to all who donated clothing and time, as well as the Central Jersey Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for hosting the drive on September 18. Our efforts will support Maria Farfan in her recovery from cancer.



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



Thanks to all who helped during September. We will host IHN again November 7-13.

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

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



Sunday Mornings

9:45 – 10:45 AM
(childcare available)



Genetics and Faith: Power, Choice, and Responsibility. We continue our look at social, theological and ethical themes related to the study and research on genetics. We are using the ELCA study guide and excerpts from the NOVA film “Cracking the Code of Life”. Copies of the study guide are available for \$10.00.

- 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?

Oct. 24 – What is Stewardship? - The Rev. Scott Schantzenbach

Oct.31 - What’s new about the Reformation?

An Interfaith Book Discussion on

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

by Jon Meacham



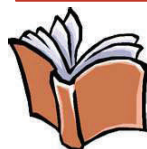
Sunday Afternoons from 3:30 - to 5:00 PM

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, followed by a supper for continuing conversation and connections

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

All are welcome.



Saturday Book Discussion

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

Next book: A novel by Marcus Borg - “Putting Away Childish Things—A Tale of Modern Faith.” The author weaves his insightful teachings in Christianity into a new form - fiction. Join us on Saturdays, **October 30, November 6 and 13, 9:30-11:00 AM.**

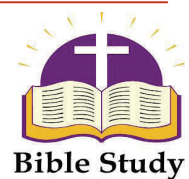
Looking Ahead: Our next book in January - for those who want to get a head start - “Letters from Prison” by Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM

- Oct. 7 at Jeanne Locke’s home
- Oct. 14 at Marty Pillsbury’s home
- Oct. 21 at Mary Khoury’s home
- Oct. 28 at Sandy Alexander’s home
- Nov. 4 at Evelyn Kruck’s home

Coordinator: Jeanne Locke



Bible Study

Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 PM.

October 20 - Soup lunch at 12:30 to kick-off our study of the Old Testament Book of Numbers. Sign up on the kiosk or see Joan Grace if interested in attending.



diakonia



A 2-year spiritual formation and theological education to deepen your faith. This is an ongoing 12-course study of 5 sessions each.

New course begins on Tuesday, November 2, 7:00 PM
Practical Ministry—Visitation

Taught by Rev. Jill Collict and Rev. Don Stiger

Openings available - contact Joan Grace if interested.

Diakonia Annual Retreat for students and alumni

Friday-Saturday, **November 12-13**
at Villa Pauline, Mendham.

Come for all or part of the program.

Topic: My Father’s House Has Many Mansions”
Guest speaker, Sister Annelle Fitzpatrick, CSJ, Ph.D. of St. John University, who is returning by popular demand.

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



Main Street Ministry
sponsored by Good Shepherd

Looking for a place where you can talk about things that matter? This may be for you.

Meet us at Alfonso's on Main Street in Somerville for dinner and conversation on

Monday, October 4 at 6:30 PM.

Cost is your meal. Friends are welcome.

If you can join us, text Linda at 908-451-5339, or email Linda@gslutheranchurch.org

Dinner Groups

There is still time to join a dinner group.



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.

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



New Member Orientation Classes
Sundays, October 24 & 31, and November 7 at 12:15 PM.
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60+ers

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



October 13 - Halloween celebrated with fun & games.

- Fun will be provided in part by a "mystery guest".
- Games will be provided by members. Bring one of your favorite games - board, card or otherwise. Don't have one? Come anyway "for the fun of it".
- Admission fee - Wear a mask or funny hat or bring canned food or extra donation to Food Bank

November 10 - 2nd Journey of St. 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

Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

Wednesday, November 17

Carpool from church at 10:30 AM



It's not too late to sign up or invite a friend to get an early start on the Holiday Spirit by joining us at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse for a delicious lunch and their annual Christmas show with a live orchestra, singers and dancers.

Sign up on the kiosk with your lunch selection. Cost is \$56. Please make checks out to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and place in Susan Capetta's mailbox or give to Millie Kunkel.

Lutheran Men in Mission

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



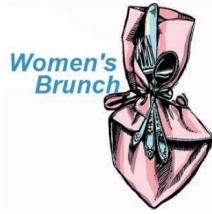
Saturdays, October 2 & 16, November 6 & 20
7:30 AM in Luther Hall

Meetings on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month.

Coordinator: Dean Levin

Serving Others at home and around the World
Brunch For Women of Good Shepherd

Saturday, October 16,
 from 10:30 – 12:00, Luther Hall



“Our Sisters in Palestine”

Check out the wish list on the kiosk-
 for our kitchen and *shower* it with a present!

Bring something to share on our buffet table – fruit,
 coffee cake or a breakfast casserole. Sign up on the
 kiosk.

Women of the ELCA at Good Shepherd

Sisters of Ruth

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

Monday, October 25, 1:00 PM at church.

Coordinator: Sandy Alexander

Daughters of Eve

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

Join our email list to get up-dates by placing your name
 and email info in either Pat or Joan’s mail slot at church.

Monday, October 11, 7:30 PM,

Denise Schultz’ home
 Create garden stepping stones in concrete.
 Check your email for supply list.

Wednesday, November 3, 7:30 PM

Joan Grace’s home
 Service Project for Children’s Hospital of
 Philadelphia - Care packages for parents.
 Check your email for list of items needed.

Saturday, December 4

Join us on a Holly Trail House Tour. Pat’s
 handiwork will be on display at one of the
 homes we visit.

Coordinators: Pat Whitehead and Joan Grace



**NJ Women of the ELCA
 23rd Annual Convention**

On September 25, Lynn Wirth, Sandy
 Alexander and Connie Zylman attended the
 convention. Lynn was elected to the NJ Board. In
 addition to the business meeting and closing worship
 service, there were morning and afternoon workshops
 offered as well as service projects. Next September,
 Good Shepherd will be the host church.

Mark Your Calendars Now!!

Women’s Retreat
 Mark Your Calendar Now
Friday, April 1 – Saturday, April 2, 2011
 “Savor the Moment”
 For all GSLC Women and friends.
 Registration materials will be available January 2011.

Prayer Shawl Ministry	Shepherd Stitchers	Crafters
<p>Saturdays, October 2 and November 6 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>For info, contact Connie Zylman.</p>	<p>Mondays, 6:30 PM October 4 & 18 and November 1 Tuesdays, 1:00 PM October 5 & 19 and November 2</p> <p>Creating quilts and other projects to share with others around the world.</p> <p>For info, contact Janice Brunsbach.</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 -or- create at your leisure at home.</p> <p>For info, contact Joan Grace.</p>
<p>All are welcome to participate in any or all of these groups. <u>No experience necessary</u> <u>All supplies and instruction provided.</u></p>		





**Christian Day Care
and Pre-School**
NAEYC Accredited

- Our first month of school went very well. We welcomed several new children to our center.
- For our first field trip we went to Melick's Farm to pick apples and watch how cider is made.
- Some of our scheduled activities for this month will be a trip to the pumpkin patch & "Trunk or Treating" for Halloween.
- We will also be celebrating Fire Prevention Week.

We have limited openings for our preschool and 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



Now meeting on TUESDAYS at 10:00 AM in Luther Hall.

Join our email list for info on other impromptu events, and for specifics on Tuesday playgroup themes! (We will be doing some pumpkin and Halloween themed playgroups.)

littlelights@gslutheranchurch.org

Let Your Light Shine!

Heather Gliot

**Sunday Church School Offering
"Nickels for Nails"**



A joyous, noisy offering



October 3 – November 21

Helping the Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity (RVHFH)

Habitat for Humanity International was founded in 1976 as a non-profit, Christian ministry on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a simple, decent place to live in dignity and safety.

How our Sunday Church School can help – Pray for the families in Somerset & Hunterdon counties who do not have a decent, safe place to live and for RVHFH partner families building a new home and future.

During the week, collect your coins (nickels, dimes, quarters, pennies) and drop them in the "Nickels for Nails" paint can at Sunday Church School each week. Give it a shake; it makes a noisy joyous noise. Your change can make a difference in the lives of children who do not have a decent home in which to live and play.

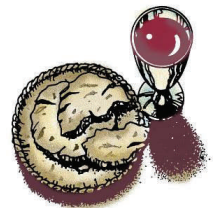
On Sunday you will have an opportunity to see all different types of nails that go into building a house, as well as pictures of the families whose lives have been changed by owning a Habitat home. The average cost for RVHFH to build a house is \$100,000. About 40,800 nails are used to build a 3-bedroom Habitat house. The cost of these nails is about \$5,000 or an average of 12 cents each.

Check out the displays in the Narthex.

**Worship Explorers Communion
Bread Baking & Pizza Party**

Friday, October 8 ~ 5:30 to 8:00 PM

For Students in Grade 4 and Parents or Significant Adult (no siblings please)

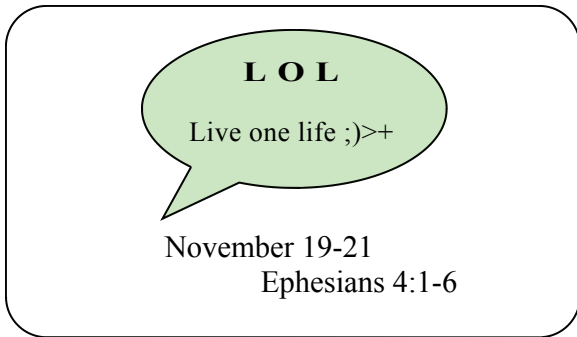


Friday Night Worship with Holy Communion for Students and Parents or Significant Adult, 7:30 PM.

We will: Bake communion bread for our Friday Night and Sunday Worship Services ~ enjoy a meal together ~ Play Games ~ Make a Craft ~ Celebrate Holy Communion with Pastor Chris.

AMONG THE WOLVES 2010

New Jersey Synod Jr. High Retreat



Imagine gathering with 250+ Lutheran young people and adults for a holy, crazy weekend! We'll play and pray together. There will be lots of music, games, worship and Christian servanthood.

Who: Jr. High youth, grades 7-9 and their adult sponsors

Where: Harvey Cedars, Long Beach Island

Cost: \$120.00 *

Registration Deadline: October 31, 2010
Late Fee—\$20.00 for registrations received after October 31.

Return the completed registration form along with a check made payable to GSLC to Lynda Pullis.

Music led by our New Jersey Synod Youth Band (with Dakota Road).

* If you are in need of financial assistance, contact Lynda Pullis.



COME AND HOWL!

Sr. High Youth Ministry Night

Grades 10-12

Sunday, October 10 ~ 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Pizza and _____?

What's new with youth at GSLC. Sign up on the bulletin board.

Head to the Heart—Confirmation Ministry



Our revitalized 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.

Head to the Heart schedule

7th Grade

Youth meet each Sunday at 9:45 AM

Parents will meet on Sundays, October 17 and November 21 at 9:45 AM

Among the Wolves Synod Retreat, November 19-21

8th and 9th Grade

Youth meet Wednesdays, 7:00 PM
October 6 and 20
November 3 and 17

Parents will meet on Wednesdays, 7:00 PM
October 6 and 20
November 3 and 17

Servant Learning—CROP Walk,
Sunday, October 24, 1:00-4:00 PM
Among the Wolves Synod Retreat
October 19-21

Looking Ahead

NJ Synod Sr. High Retreat for
Grades 9 - 12

Winter Youth Assembly

Friday-Sunday, February 18 – 20



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

† Gisela Bodnar † Joan Bowden † Stephanie Davis † Linda Froehlich † Loretta Grace † Joe Kmet † Rosely LaFever † April Newton-on disability † Peggy Reier	† Christian Schaeffer † Gail Velcheck † Amy Wacker † Kevin & Pat Whitehead, grieving the death of Kevin's father, Don Whitehead † Kay Young	Homebound Members † Louise Baldwin † Emily Blenderman † Frieda Connor † Ruth Lombardy † Andrew Martiny † Nancy Mastrianni † Arlean Meck † John Wills
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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY ON THEIR BIRTHDAYS

10/1	Debbie Lawton Caroline Barberi	10/10	Ron Froehlich Renny Dilks	10/20	Katie Chomiak Isabella Coppola
10/2	Frank Henrikson Johanna Scholl Zachary Horensky	10/11	Shannon Paterno Mark Marsigliano	10/21	Darlene Day Jim Kassis Alden Hauschild
10/3	Frieda Connor Jennifer Warta Trevor Achey Christopher Mone Gina VanAusdall	10/12	Hugh Jon Snyder Cindy Fitzpatrick Sam Pfister	10/22	Susan VanAusdall David Stiger
10/4	Dottie Koontz Dean Levin Stephanie Meister Julia Cahill Ted Hilke Isabel Turck Lily Ann Murphy	10/13	Marian Thronson Kevin Scholl	10/23	Phil LaMonica Matthew Sapiezynski
10/6	Jaime Demchak Charleigh Jacquish	10/14	Janine Volk Paul Fine	10/24	Lynda Pullis Craig Moran Colin Miller
10/7	Kyle Chu	10/15	Lisa Lender Linda Bouwmans Erik Anderson	10/25	Romaine Roth Jeff Hicks
10/8	Brendan Rieble Antonio DeGirolamo	10/16	Audrey Talish Aidan Vako-Graves Sean Jacquish	10/26	Rachel Behling
10/9	Ray Star Charles German Rory Shotwell Bill Foster Dean Meister Laura Bodnar	10/17	Lori Engler Devin Pietz Kyle Warta	10/27	Karen Smith Jeffrey Ruggini
		10/18	Tom Creighton Doriann VanBree Christine Peterson-Duque	10/28	Denise Humphrey
		10/19	Janice Reinhardt Jenn Garofolo	10/29	Kevin Whitehead
				10/30	Sande Benscoter Barbara Moceikis Jodie Schwiederek Janine Shugan Franklin Andreyko
				10/31	George Moser

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