



GATHER:	We invite and welcome all to community, inspired by the Holy Spirit to support, encourage and pray for one another through caring, conversation and fellowship.
WORSHIP:	We praise and proclaim God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit in the music and liturgy of Word and Sacrament which has grown from our Lutheran heritage yet continues to express our praise of God today.
TEACH:	We learn and grow together as we study the Scriptures and the Christian faith in its Lutheran expression, and their relation to our lives.
SERVE:	We reach out as a congregation, as partners with other religious communities and as individuals in our everyday lives to minister to those in need by giving, sharing and sacrificing. Helping others is our response to all God has given to us, and it is our witness to God's presence in the world.



Pastor's Message

God is with us...all the time! All the time...God is with us!

As I often remind you at our Sunday worship time, I urge you to continue to worship regularly while we are in Central School, to pray regularly for Good Shepherd's well-being and to give regularly so that Good Shepherd may continue its ministry and mission. This last one is especially important during the summer when we are on vacation and go away and are not perhaps as regular in our worship attendance as we are during the rest of the year. Please give regularly so that the church may meet its responsibilities. Thank you.

For the summer I will be preaching on some of the great stories from the Book of Genesis; from Creation, to Abraham, to the Tower of Babel. It is a continuing saga of God's saving acts in history and we shall explore them. I invite you to participate.

I have noticed that the sound level in the auditorium prior to our worship service can get quite loud. Peter Calabro, our Director of Music Ministries has started to play a bell "attachment" to the organ, to signal that the Prelude is about to begin and to also ask that people who are in the auditorium please curtail their conversation. See if you can hear when he plays this and abide by that.

If you had the opportunity to be at the Youth Service you know why I say, once again, I was blown away by their faithfulness, by their enthusiasm, by their attention to the faith in worship. I thank all of our young people and advisors who put together and developed and then led our Youth Service.

At the New Jersey Synod Assembly, I received a plaque honoring my 14 years of service as Synod Secretary. I will be hanging it in my office. I am very proud

of it and humbled by the gesture. I also received a standing ovation from the people of the Synod and I appreciate that also.

Over the years, my service as Synod Secretary has been a labor of love, I have received more from doing that than I have put into it. Good Shepherd, too, has received more from my serving as Secretary than you have given up in my time spent. I have learned more about the church beyond Good Shepherd and I have been able to bring that back to Good Shepherd and so help us to be a church and not just a local congregation.

Our Boy Scout Troop 15 held a car wash and garage sale a few weeks ago with the specific intent of raising money for our recovery fund. Wow, did they ever! They presented us with a check for over \$1200 dollars to help in our recovery. They then made the same presentation at one of our worship services. They have been thanked many times over and we appreciate their gesture.

I will be attending the ELCA National Assembly from August 11 through August 19. I will then be on vacation from August 22 through September 1. If you need pastoral assistance, we have the names of local pastors that you can call and/or you may call the church office and Janet Tenore will steer you in the right direction.

During my first Sunday absence, Pastor David Vikner, a member of Good Shepherd, will be preaching and celebrating Holy Communion. On the second Sunday I am away, Janet Tenore, our Director of Parish Ministries will be preaching and again, Pastor David Vikner will be celebrating Holy Communion.

Pastoral Acts: Baptism: 1

Wedding: 1

Pastor Spencer

From the Director of Parish Ministries Janet Tenore

One evening, many (many!) years ago, after dropping my sister off at college, my mom and I were driving back home when we hit a terrible snow squall on Route 80 in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania.

My mom, who had been driving, pulled over and asked me to drive. She was too nervous. When I tell you that I could barely see beyond the front end of the car, I'm not exaggerating.

With my face practically pressed up against the windshield, we inched along hoping that we were not drifting into another lane or off the road completely. We didn't notice any other cars anywhere. The snow swirled around us.

Suddenly, the taillights of an 18-wheeler truck appeared in front of us. Where on earth did he come from, I thought. No matter, I decided to follow those taillights and I didn't really care where they led, as long as we got ourselves out of this frightening snowstorm.

What struck me about this whole thing was that the truck was moving at a speed that made me think the driver could actually see where he was going. We had been inching along, but now, I had to keep my speed up in order not to lose sight of those precious taillights.

I stayed focused on the taillights and wherever they went, I went. Blind faith. That's all I had.

Then, as suddenly as the 18-wheeler had appeared, it veered off to the right and disappeared. We had exited the snow squall. I looked around for the truck, but it was gone. And, just like in the movies, I said to myself, who *was* that guy?

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When I recall that story now, what immediately pops into my head is Psalm 121:

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

² My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

³ *He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.*

⁴ He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep...

Oftentimes, I forget that God encourages us to ask Him for help. And oftentimes, I resist because I want to figure things out for myself. I think it's human nature to want to retain control. However, there comes a time when control is completely out of your grasp. And this I found out while driving through that snowstorm. I simply had no other choice but to trust that the truck in front of us would lead us to safety.

⁵ The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

⁷ The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

⁸ The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Thanks be to God!





NEWS AROUND THE CHURCH

Please remember during the summer to worship regularly, pray for Good Shepherd's well-being, and to give your offering regularly... a reminder that the auditorium we are worshiping in at Central School is AIR CONDITIONED... the custodian who has served us well during our stay at Central School will be leaving the employ of the Glen Rock School Board because of outsourcing of the custodial services. Paul's last Sunday with us will be June 26 and we shall honor him with a gift... the Relay for Life in which we participated with the Religious Communities raised over \$5,000.00. Thank you to Dennis Owen for his work in helping this to happen for Good Shepherd... thank you to WELCA for a \$500.00 gift to our recovery fund... thank you also to the Women of the ELCA for the confirmation frames and to Donna Olsen for printing up the confirmands' Bible verses for presentation... congratulations to Peter Calabro upon being elected as sub Dean of the American Guild of Organists of Northern New Jersey... as a gesture of good will, Good Shepherd has tuned the piano at Central School... please listen for the "bells" to ring prior to the beginning of the prelude on Sunday mornings. This is a signal for those present to please curtail their conversation... thank you to Claudia and Ken Gentner for their work around Good Shepherd's church grounds, and helping to make the church grounds beautiful and inviting... thank you to Kim Hauser for the donation of two filing cabinets for the adult choir room.

Thank you to all who have worked so hard and faithfully in getting the auditorium at Central School ready for worship every Sunday... please remember to forward your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Good Shepherd. This is enabling us to do a wider and deeper ministry...

Please remember the request of our Stewardship Committee to increase giving this year by fifty cents more per ten dollars of your current giving. This will help us eliminate a budget shortfall and keep our staff together.

<u>GIVING</u>

Each member, (giving unit) is asked to give an additional .50 cents per \$10.00 of offering or pledge per week to balance our budget so that staff will not have to be cut. This is a proportional increase.

If you are giving \$	10.00/week	-	please give	\$ 10.50
If you are giving \$	20.00/week	-	please give	\$ 21.00
If you are giving \$	30.00/week	-	please give	\$ 31.50
If you are giving \$	40.00/week	-	please give	\$ 42.00
If you are giving \$	50.00/week	-	please give	\$ 52.50
If you are giving \$1	100.00/week	-	please give	\$105.00
If you are giving \$2	200.00/week	-	please give	\$210.00
If you are giving \$3	300.00/week	-	please give	\$315.00

Thank you. With this giving we shall keep the ministry and mission Good Shepherd is known for.

SPONSOR A SUNDAY

Good Shepherd has had a wonderfully caring response in helping with the expense of using Central School for worship and we would like thank them and acknowledge their support:

June Sponsors: Women of the ELCA Good Shepherd Interns of 1999 to 2011: David Drebes, Samantha Drennan, Dani Fey, Mary Jane Hastings, Bob Scheurer, Gary Steeves, and Anja Stuckenberger Elinore Seela Sue & Carl Meier Ruth Circle

Summer 2011



On June 5, 2011 we gathered in the Church Library following worship for our General Meeting. The following women were voted to lead our Circle and Women of the ELCA group:

President:	Judy Mullane
Secretary/Membership:	Sharon Ziegler
Treasurer:	Nancy Suplicki
Social Ministry:	Dorothy Gall

Lorraine Seifert has volunteered to again chair Education. I issue an invitation to all our WOMEN to join us at our Sunday Luncheon gatherings following worship. Fellowship and deepening of our faith is explored at each gathering.

Our Treasury as reported by outgoing Treasurer, Diane Koller, was enriched more than expected enabling us to disperse Benevolence to several recipients.

\$100.00
\$100.00
\$ 26.60
\$500.00
\$125.00

It is anticipated that an additional donation will be given to "Family Promise" when we host in the fall.

It is a joy and privilege to present the Confirmands with framed prints of their Bible verse. The class of 13 young adults are welcomed into the communion we share in the name of the risen Christ!

Our book group title for September 18, <u>**Gilead**</u>, by Marilynne Robinson, was distributed to those interested. Additional/returned copies are in the Church Office WELCA box. Please sign the book out and leave the copy in the box. Return it quickly so others may read it. Let me know if you will help lead the lively discussion.

NJ SYNOD Women of the ELCA will hold its Annual Convention/ Meeting on Friday, September 24, 2011 for delegates and Saturday, September 25th for everyone with Lunch provided. There are several enriching sessions on a wide range of topics to select. As a delegate, all costs for Friday are paid for including overnight accommodations sharing a room with another delegate.

Please call me if YOU are interested. We can carpool from church.

The calendar was adopted and is as follows:

- September 18th [3rd Sunday] Book Club "Gilead" 5 copies available to lend; *BROWN BAG LUNCH, dessert and beverage provided*; location: <u>Church Library</u> immediately following worship
- October 9th General Meeting with lunch provided; location: <u>Church Library</u> immediately following worship
- November 13th Ruth Circle meeting; Program: open unless we are back to the <u>Sanctuary</u> with Peter Calabro, DMM presenting in the Choir Loft to continue his program from April 2011.
- December 11th Christmas Coffee, Program: suggestions????
 - Location: Church Library; lunch and dessert provided
- ✤ January NO MEETING
- February 22nd Ash Wednesday Worship and Breakfast: Program suggestion? Location: Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall
- March 11th Ruth Circle Meeting in the Library; Program Mary Magdalene
- ✤ April NO MEETING/April 8th Easter
- May 20th Ruth Circle in the Library Program ??/ perhaps our General Meeting; location: Library
- ✤ June final Circle meeting with Program????

DESSERT/BEVERAGE HOSTESS needed for:SeptemberNovemberMarchMay/JuneNovemberMarch

GOD IS WITH US, ALL THE TIME! ALL THE TIME, GOD IS WITH US!

Your Sister in Christ, Judy Mullane

Important Dates

~July 2011~



<u>Sunday, July 3 – Red, White and</u> <u>Blue Sunday</u>

Wear something patriotic to celebrate the Fourth of July!

Monday, July 4

Church Office closed.

Saturday, July 9 to Saturday, July 16

DPM on vacation.

Sunday, July 10

Sports Team T-Shirt Sunday.

Sunday, July 17

Flip Flop Sunday.

Sunday, July 24

Vacation T-Shirt Sunday.

Sunday, July 31

Ice Cream Cone Sunday.

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~August 2011~

Sunday, August 7



Hawaiian Shirt Sunday.

Thursday, August 11 to Friday, August 19

Pastor away to ELCA Assembly.

Sunday, August 14

Sunglasses Sunday.

Monday, August 15 to Friday, August 26

Secretary Administrator on vacation.

Sunday, August 21

Sandals Sunday.

Monday, August 22 to Thursday, September 1

Pastor on vacation.

Sunday, August 28

Ice Cream Sundae Sunday.

~September 2011~

Sunday, September 4

Party Hat Sunday to celebrate Labor Day.



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General Fund	\$ 256,346	\$	4,510	On-track to overcome deficit
Intern Fund	\$ 29,822	\$	(7,258)	No intern in second half 2011
Building Fund	\$ 30,645	\$	2,633	Giving is 34% below target
Benevolence	\$ 33,879	\$	2,936	Giving is 27% below target
Total Budget	\$ 350,692	\$	2,821	Watch, communicate, pray

Good Shepherd 2011 Budget & Status

Giving to the General Fund increased over last year and it is on track to overcome the deficit. <u>If the trend continues</u>, Council will not have to reduce staff on June 30. The Intern Fund is seriously in the red, but since we will not have an intern this upcoming school year (there's a shortage of interns), the fund is expected to come back into balance by year-end. Both Building and Benevolence are significantly below target, which is worrisome. They are in balance only because we are underspending the budget.

You can help by giving just a little more, especially to Building and Benevolence. And don't forget that your regular offerings are especially needed in the summer. Thank you!

School Graduation 2011 – "take 2"

High School Graduate

After the June issue of the Shepherd's Call went to press, we found out that <u>Michelle Christianson</u> was chosen as the valedictorian of her Fair Lawn High School senior class. *Congratulations!*





Lease-A-Leaguer

The high school youth will wash windows, rake leaves, plant flowers, water the lawn,

help clean your house, change the cat's litter, fold laundry, do dishes, change light bulbs, and do other odd jobs around your home.

Return the sign-up sheet to either Scott King



or Janet Tenore, or leave it in the church office, and we'll contact you to set up a

good time to come over.

You will be asked to make a Free-Will donation for the work done.

Thank you for supporting the Good Shepherd Youth Groups!

Lease-A-Leaguer "for hire" sign up:

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Address	
hone Number	
mail address	
ask to be done	
Veekday or weekend?	
Day or evening?	

Please put in offering plate or leave in church office.



Our Financial Secretary, Donna Olsen, is collecting

EMAIL ADDRESSES

in order to get the quarterly financial statements to you in a faster and more efficient manner.

If you would like your email address to be given to Donna for this purpose, please contact the Church office at 201/444/6598.

The date for **Rally Day** and the annual **Church Picnic** will appear in the September issue of the Shepherd's Call.

We will be planning for those events over the summer.

Thank you.

THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS

Giving back is important to us at Thrivent Financial for Lutherans because it's important to our members. That's why this new program will allow our members to help choose where Thrivent Financial for Lutherans gives back. The program is called Thrivent Choice.

Thrivent Choice is a charitable giving program in which Thrivent Financial members provide direction on how charitable funds should be spent.

Choice Dollars: Eligible Thrivent Financial benefit members (age 16+) will be able to direct dollars to thousands of Lutheran nonprofit organizations including Lutheran congregations. For members who qualify for "Choice Dollars," one of their choices could be directing some of Thrivent Financial's charitable funds to your congregation.

Good Shepherd has 26 member families directing Choice Dollars to Good Shepherd. To join them, follow these directions:

DIRECT THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Online:

Step 1	Visit www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice
Step 2	Click on "log in" at the top right of your screen and enter
-	your My Thrivent User ID and password. (If you haven't
	registered on Thrivent.com, click on "register now" to
	register for full access.)
Step 3	Look for your designated Choice Dollars amount on the right
-	side of the screen.
Step 4	Click on "Direct Choice Dollars" in the Thrivent Choice box
	on your My Thrivent page.
Step 5	Search the catalog of organizations to find Good Shepherd.
Step 6	Click on "Direct Choice Dollars Now" to direct your
_	designated Choice Dollars to benefit Good Shepherd.
By Phone:	
Step 1	Call 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted,
-	say, "Thrivent Choice".
Step 2	When prompted, say, "Choice Dollars".
Step 3	Say or enter your Social Security number.
Step /	Press 1 to direct Choice Dollars or press 2 to hear the

- Step 4 **Press 1** to direct Choice Dollars or **press 2** to hear the Thrivent Choice Program terms and conditions.
- Step 5 A representative will then work with you to direct Choice Dollars to Good Shepherd.

(No one knows how much you direct to Good Shepherd. It is confidential.)

FATHER'S DAY GIFTS TO THE ENDOWMENT FUND

The Remmen Family has made a contribution to the Endowment Fund in honor of fathers everywhere, and on the blessed occasion of the baptism of Ellen Grace Lusk.

A gift was given in remembrance of Stephen Wilson, Sheri Roddy's father, by Sheri and Joe Roddy and family.

A gift was given in honor of their dad, Paul R. Knight, by James and Terence Knight.

A gift was given in honor of Chelsea Wessel and Erik Von Husen, granddaughter and her fiancé, given by Doris Wessel.

MEMORIALS

A gift was given in honor of the 50th Anniversary of Arthur and Kathryn Waltking, by Hanna Fiebiger to the Sanctuary Rebuilding Fund.

A gift was given in honor of the Confirmation of Calvin Graham, by his aunt Nancy McNeff.

~ Thank you ~

to the people who put together the June Shepherd's Call:

Mary Ferrazzano, Judy Mullane, Fred & Marion Rippe, and Vicar Anja.

And to the people who help every week putting together the bulletins and inserts:

Warren Born, Sheri Roddy, Elinore Seela

Your help and service to Good Shepherd are very much appreciated!

WISH LIST

Gifts/memorials may be given in honor/memory of a loved one to mark an occasion or simply as a gift in thanks to God for all His goodness. If you have an interest in contributing toward one of the following gifts, please contact Pastor.

Sanctuary Sound Mixer	
10 Motion Sensor Light Switches	
10 White cloth rectangular tablecloths	
1 Microwave	



The Community Thrift Shop

\$1,400.00

40.00 each

10.00 each

\$

\$

Midland Park Shopping Center 85 Godwin Avenue, Midland Park (go around the back on the lower level)

201-652-7661

Hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Donations received Mondays and the first Saturday of each month between 10 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

The Community Thrift Shop is a not-for-profit organization that accepts and sells gently used clothing for the entire family, bric-a-brac, books, toys, jewelry, small furniture and other household items. Proceeds benefit over 50 local charitable organizations.

Please mark your items with #51 so Good Shepherd gets credit.

If you want more detailed information, please speak to Dorothy Gall or see the flyer hanging on the bulletin board at the bottom of the stairs to the parking lot. Rev. Dr. Rodger Spencer C/O Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 233 S. Highwood Avenue Glen Rock, NJ. 07452

Dear Reverand Dr. Rodger Spencer,

Over the years, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church has played a critical role in the growth of Boy Scouts of America Troop 15 and the spiritual and character development of its Members. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church has been our home for many years.

When news of the damaged roof was known to the Troop, we looked for a unique way to assist. The fund-raiser was designed to raise awareness in the community and raise funds. We published announcements in the Glen Rock. Gazette, Facebook, Glen Rock Patch, and the Troop website. Posters and fliers were distributed around town and in schools.

The forecast was not on our side, but God was! On Saturday, May 14th, we hosted our "Shop N Shine" in the Church Parking Lot. The rain forecasted the previous day, held off until we were done for the day. Our Boy Scouts and their families helped out by contributing goods for sale and by washing cars. More than 70 service hours were contributed by the Scouts. We were shocked by the generosity of so many. In all, we raised \$1,243, which we are happy to contribute to the cause.

We thank you and the members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for your continued support of Troop 15 and look forward to the day when the Church roof is repaired.

Yours in Scouting, Chris Sheidon Troop 15, First Class

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Social Service Association

of Ridgewood and Vicinity, Inc. Incorporated 1913



May 31, 2011

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church c/o Ms. Mary Ferrazzano 464 Spring Avenue Ridgewood, New Jersey 07450

Dear Friends of Social Service,

On Behalf of the Board of Directors of Social Service Association of Ridgewood and Vicinity, Inc. I would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your donation of various groceries in support of our pantry program this past month. Your support is greatly valued and enables us to continue to meet the needs of those less fortunate in our community.

Thank you for you kind consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Internet This

Kathleen O'Shea President

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These were food items left over from Family Promise Shelter with expiration dates before the next shelter week in November.

You Know You're Lutheran When...

10. The only meal time prayer you know is "Come Lord Jesus".

- 9. All of your casserole dishes have your name on the bottom.
- 8. They have to rope off the last few pews in church so the front isn't empty.
- 7. A midlife crisis means switching from the old hymnbook to the new one.
- 6. You can't imagine a celebration without food.
- 5. While watching Star Wars you hear "May the force be with you" and you reply "And also with you".
- 4. At potlucks all the men have tableware and napkins in their shirt pockets so their full plates are easier to carry.
- 3. You are at a funeral of a family member who is Catholic, and you are the only one who says "for Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, forever and ever. Amen." After everyone else is done.
- 2. You sing "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" while sitting down.
- 1. You arrive in church and start having a panic attack because someone else is sitting in your pew.

God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and in the flowers and clouds and stars.

Martin Luther



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