



# The Shepherd's Voice

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Reaching and Risking to Welcome the World in the Word that has come among us in Jesus.

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## CHRISTMAS AT GOOD SHEPHERD



### WHITE GIFT PRESENTATION-DECEMBER 11 - 10:30 am

Sunday Church School children present White Gifts at 10:30 service.

**ST. LUCIA FESTIVAL- DECEMBER 10 - 7:00 pm-Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary**  
sponsored by the Stenland Lodge No. 727

### WORSHIP SERVICE WITH CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT-DECEMBER 18

8:15 a.m. Communion Service, 9:30 am Contemporary Worship,  
10:30 am Worship Service/Christmas Pageant



### SCROOGE - THE MUSICAL BY LESLIE BRICUSSE - DECEMBER 18 - 5:30 pm

featuring Walter Lauer, III, Chapel Choir & Sacristy Singers



### WHITE GIFTS DELIVERED -DECEMBER 18

Senior Youth deliver White Gifts to St. Peter's & Bethlehem Lutheran in the Bronx

### CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES-DECEMBER 24

7:30 pm Family Service/Pageant

9:00 pm Festival Communion Service

10:30 pm Special Music (*enter quietly*)

11:00 pm Service of Lessons & Carols



### CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE-SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:30 am Service of Lessons & Carols

(Sunday Church School children to attend worship service with their parents)



### NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE - SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

10:30 am Service of Holy Communion

(Sunday Church School children to attend worship service with their parents)



**The Evangelical Lutheran  
Church of the Good Shepherd**

112 North Main Street  
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**“Welcoming the World in the  
Word that has come among us  
In Jesus Christ”**

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Sundays: 8:15, 9:30, 10:30 a.m.

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Estelle Schfecick

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**General Memorial Fund**

In memory of Ronald Johnson, given by Charles and Linda Capasso

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**GOOD SHEPHERD MUSICAL OUTREACH FUND**

In memory of Ella Fisher, given by John & Denise Guadagnino & Family

**ALL IN THE FAMILY—Happy Birthday to...**

Ed Reineke on January 8th

Ella Krampetz on January 15th

**Voice Publication Deadline**

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## **FROM THE PASTOR**

Democracies need compromise to make things work. In particular, the form of representative democracy we have in our country was founded with compromise at the very heart of the decision-making process. That is not to say that politics has not been a venue for virulent disagreement. We dare not forget that just a few miles below the George Washington Bridge, two political and personal opponents participated in a gun duel when our nation was very young. Nonetheless, the way of compromise was the only way to govern, if governing was to happen at all.

Compromise is the protein of the democratic system. For years now, we have been headed in a direction away from compromise and consultative planning, to a political sphere that is “boiling” down to inertia. It is not a good place to be, especially living in a flat world wherein national boundaries mean less and economic challenges across the globe mean more and more to the average person. The economic “meltdown” that we gave to Europe through a lack of regulations in the financial markets here may come back to us in another way, with the problems we hear about in Greece and in the Euro zone. Life is more complicated than ever—economically, socially and technologically.

To be sure, the complexities require intelligent information gathering and discussion. Sound bites, text messages and even emails just don’t foster this kind of in-depth conversation. It seems that it is much easier to talk past someone today rather than to raise questions, encourage dialogue and listen to the other person’s opinion. Everybody seems to have all the answers.

The point of my article is to encourage conversation on some of the most challenging economic issues we are facing. I recently heard a young person, who is part of the “Occupy Wall Street” movement, encourage Americans to be a part of the discussion around some of the basic questions facing us today. In response to a question about what he thought is the mission of the “Occupy Wall Street Movement”, this thoughtful young man said that, if nothing else, he believed that the mission would be accomplished if more young Americans began discussing the issues facing our nation and the world.

We should not disregard this point. We have seen young people around the world take their futures seriously. In our land, we have not seen this kind of engagement since the days of the Vietnam War, from which a number of our citizens continue to experience the ravages of that war with a variety of illnesses and struggles. Young people in this land helped change the course of history.

When I am faced with difficult questions, when there is a prevailing sense that a new course must be forged, I find it helpful to look to those who struggled with similar problems in history and to learn what they did in the hope that their approach might be helpful.

St. Augustine, whom we observe on August 28 in our liturgical commemorations, is one such person. He lived at a time of great confusion and change. In the fourth and early fifth centuries, he was a maker of history and a builder of the bridge that led from the old world to the new world. His personal story is quite a “read” and his coming to faith an inspiring journey, to be sure. His exceptional talents were recognized, leading to his consecration as the Bishop of Hippo, North Africa, in 395. Augustine was a thinker and a good leader who helped change the course of human history. What is particularly noteworthy is that he was a pagan, turned Christian, whose intellect helped shape a new day.

We are now in the season of Advent, a season of an audacious hope, a new day. Advent invites us to an undaunted hope that has the power to change how we live, act, think and decide, but even this hope comes through conversation and dialogue, maybe even compromise. This is just one reason why a disciplined life of attending Worship Services is critical to our lives. We are drawn to the conversation around the Lord’s Table of grace, worn from living out the week, renewed in the waters of our baptism, warned and made well again by the Word, sent out thankfully sharing with the world the Word we have received as a gift.

Surely, for Christians, God’s grace can only offer us hope as we live in a world of change and uncertainty. It buoys us to raise questions and share in conversation around some of the important questions facing our country, if not the world. One good question to begin asking is what is the purpose of our economic system in the first place? Another is, what can we learn from the past about the issues before us today? Are my views being informed by sound bites on T.V. or by the books I read and the subjects studied?

The problem with living in a representative democracy is that it requires people give time to being engaged in governing. For many, our economic system does not allow for such time. Our work and the complexities of life are demanding, for sure, but that may be a matter to consider, as well.

Without question, Christians have a place in the public square. God has put us there. Just as Jesus is sent to us at Bethlehem, to be engaged in the human struggle for justice and for the peace of salvation, so we are sent to be engaged in the important matters of our day. In the public square, Christians serve with a deep respect for the faith and views of others, alongside a deep passion for those who are the most vulnerable among us.

ON SUPERBOWL SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5TH...

LET'S HAVE A



Starting January 22nd, we will be collecting cans of soup to fight hunger in our community. With all the snacking and feasting we do watching football, let us share with others, and fill the shelves of *People to People*.

### STEWARDSHIP

Scripture gives us specific directions regarding financial stewardship. This is an important part of the Christian life, and is a significant aspect of our relationship with Jesus. Following are five directives regarding our giving, and where they are referenced in the Bible. Please take the time to read these few verses:

Give First – Deuteronomy 26:1,2

Give Intentionally – 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 9:7

Give Proportionately – 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 8:3,4

Give Generously – 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 8:1,2

Give Cheerfully – 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 9:7

### OKTOBERFEST THANK YOU!

A big thank you to the Fellowship co-chairs and the work they put into Oktoberfest... **Lynn Beers and Pat Hoffman!** What a wonderful evening with a delicious, varied menu (all the meat cooked by Mark Machacek) and home-baked cakes, sign-up/ reception and a beautifully decorated Fellowship Hall (thanks to Cindy Sealander), a wonderful concert by Larry Zaidan and his Tuba Quartet, Tricky Tray (basket raffle) led by Don Widmayer, with assistants Julia Syvarth and Kristina Demou, and a sing-a-long, led by Pastor. The Men's Group manned the kitchen, Walter Lauer tended the keg, and our youth helped serve. Younger children were entertained by Katie Lauer and Kathryn Filatov. Many others pitched in to set up, serve and clean up.

Thanks to all who volunteered for this event, and to all who came and added to the festiveness.

### Greening our Pastures

*"I'm dreaming of a green Christmas"*

- Buy locally, and buy gifts made from recycled sources
- Give "battery-free" gifts
- Decorate a tree for the birds, with suet and pine cones with peanut butter
- Use LED lights for house and tree lighting and turn off at bedtime
- Choose a live tree and recycle your tree for mulch
- Make your cards
- Reuse wrapping paper, gift bags and ribbons—save this year's for next year.



### **Stenland Lodge No. 727**



**PRESENTS ITS ANNUAL  
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AND CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Lucia Celebration will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, December 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Requested Donation \$7.00. Children under 16 are free. For information, contact Ingrid Allison at: [ingridallison@optonline.net](mailto:ingridallison@optonline.net) or 845-425-1574.

## CHRISTMAS GIFTING CHALLENGE!



As we start making lists this year, we might all be considering cutting down. If that is our situation, imagine how much harder it is for many others. This is a wonderful opportunity to sit down with our families, talk about our blessings, and think how we can use this season to reach out to those experiencing greater needs.

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALTERNATIVE GIFTING

**White gifts** - Gifts for children brought in December 11<sup>th</sup> - taken to churches in the Bronx by our youth—*sponsored by Sunday School and Youth*

**Project Joy - Adopt family or families through People to People** - Names and gift requests will be posted November 28th—*sponsored by Social Ministries*

**Mitten Tree** - mittens, scarves, hats for needy children -- *sponsored by Creative Play*

**Families in the Bronx** - Help families at Bethlehem Lutheran, (Pastor Larry's church) in the Bronx, at Christmas. *Sponsored by The Men's Group*

**Rockland Psychiatric Children's Center** - Items for teens – see *Pat Hoffman*

**Personal Care kits (see article), food baskets and donations** - Sponsored by *WELCA*

Or give gifts in someone's name to: **ELCA Hunger Appeal**---[www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org): **God's Global Barnyard**

Or buy an animal for a needy family at [www.elca.org/ELCA/eCards/Categories/Gods-Global-Barnyard](http://www.elca.org/ELCA/eCards/Categories/Gods-Global-Barnyard) - **gift cards available in office**

Purchase gifts from **SERRV International**. This organization works with artisans across the globe, by marketing in a just and direct manner - [www.serrv.org](http://www.serrv.org)

If you have points on your credit card, consider converting them to a gift card for People to People.

## Food, Faith & Friends -- Next Meeting Tuesday, January 17, at 7 PM

Looking for a Community that involves real people rather than just an on-line social networking site? This group might be for you! ***Food, Faith & Friends*** held its first meeting on November 8 with 13 people in attendance. We had the opportunity to meet new people, share a little about our life and faith journeys, and share a good meal together. Our next meeting will take place on **Tuesday, January 17, 2012** from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the church parlor. Child care is available if you let us know in advance. You are cordially invited to join us for the next meeting. Bring yourselves, an open heart, an open mind, and an appetite! For more information or to **RSVP**, please contact Rich Bowman at [rpbp@yahoo.com](mailto:rpbp@yahoo.com) or (845) 627-6967, or contact Lone Mensing in the church office at [parishworker@gspr.org](mailto:parishworker@gspr.org).

## Casting Call for Christmas Eve 7:30 PM Children's Pageant

During the Christmas Eve 7:30 PM Family Service, we will hold our Christmas Eve Children's Pageant.

All roles are non-speaking, except for the lesson readers. We will have one practice, in early December.

We need the following: 4 readers, Mary, Joseph, 3 Wise Men, 2 Shepherds, 1 Main angel, and 3 cherub angels (younger children are best for this).

If interested, please contact Joanie Hampton at 845-398-8832 or call the church office at 845-735-2243.



## CREATIVE PLAY NEWS



Creative Play is bustling with Holiday activities. The children are preparing special Christmas gifts for their families, made by their own hands. They are learning what the spirit of giving is all about. Our 4 year old Creative Play classes are rehearsing for their Christmas play, "Santa's Workshop". Fellowship Hall will be turned into the North Pole where the elves will be getting the dancing dolls, wooden soldiers, spinning tops and trains all ready for a ride on Santa's sled. All the classes will be entertained on December 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> by our favorite performers, Beth & Scott, who will have the classes singing and swinging! The children will then celebrate in their classrooms with a snack of Holiday cookies baked by parent volunteers. We wish all our families a most joyous Christmas season, and will see everyone when school resumes on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

**Just a note:** Our Mitten, Scarf and Hat Tree will be set up at the entrance of Creative Play from November 28<sup>th</sup> through January 6<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to help us decorate; all items will be donated to children in Appalachia.



## WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

On Reformation Sunday, in the midst of an unusual October snowstorm, we welcomed new and renewed members:

LISA COMITO, and her children, BEN and MATTHEW, from Palisades, New York

STEVEN AND BRANDI HABINA, from Pomona, New York

CHRISTINE HUTTER, and her children, KEIRA AND PHILIP, from West Nyack – Renewal

DIANA MCNALLY, and her children EMMA and COLE (baptized here), from West Haverstraw, New York.

LINDA SQUILLINI, (mother of Diana) from Richmondville, New York

## WELCA HAPPENINGS

WELCA had a great November meeting with speaker, Jeffrey Keahon, from Rotary, He spoke about Polio and how it has almost been eradicated from the earth. It was very interesting and enjoyed by those in attendance. Next month, our Christmas party will be held in the Church Parlor on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.. We will exchange gifts, and if you are interested in coming and being a part of our party, please bring a grabbag gift of \$10 or less for our gift exchange. If you don't want to participate, that is fine, just come for the fun and the refreshments.

WELCA is putting together Personal Care Kits, they used to be called Health Kits. But things have changed. Now you need:

1. One light to medium weight bath-size towel, approx 52x27 inches, dark color recommended.
2. Two bath-size bars of soap (4 to 5 oz) any brand, in original wrapping.
3. One adult-size toothbrush in its original wrapping.
4. One sturdy comb, with packaging removed.
5. One metal nail clipper with or without attached file; remove packaging.

All items should be new and in good condition. Wrap all items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarn. A basket will be available in the Education Building lobby for donations.

Do not enclose the kit in plastic bags. No substitutions. Bring items to WELCA and we will send them off in the New Year. Thank you for your help.



**January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**A chance to start the New Year by giving the most important gift!**

There is a great need for all blood types at present, so we ask you to mark your calendar for the annual Pearl River Blood Drive. Red Cross officials say just one person donating blood could potentially save three lives.

"At this point, there is no substitute for human blood. We do not have a synthetic or alternative source. We really do rely on human donors, our donors, to give blood," Sylvia Kacheris with the American Red Cross said. Details on time and place will be in Cross Connections.

## YOUTH NEWS – DECEMBER 2011 / JANUARY 2012 HAPPENINGS

### Confirmation Classes – December and January

Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> - 7:45 to 8:45PM - 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> graders

Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> - 7:45 to 8:45PM - 8<sup>th</sup> graders

Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> -- 7:45 - 8:45 PM - 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> - 7:45 - 8:45 PM - 8<sup>th</sup> grade



### Acolyte Training – Sunday, December 11<sup>h</sup> – 11:45-12:15

This rehearsal is for ALL youth who acolyte for Christmas services, as well as in January.

NOTE: Your child will be notified when they should attend the acolyte training class.

## DECEMBER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

### Christmas Caroling 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade – Sat, December 10<sup>th</sup> – 4:00-7:00pm

Meet at 4pm to make favors for the residents of a local assisted living home. We will carpool to the assisted living home for some caroling and fellowship. We will carpool back to Good Shepherd for a meal. If you are interested in driving, please contact Deanna Lauer at [Youth@gspr.org](mailto:Youth@gspr.org) or call the church office at 845-735-2243.

### Pearl River Oysterz (PROz) – Saturday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup> – Time TBA

Senior High youth will be taking a trip to New York City to see The Tree and have some holiday fun with Vicar Jonathan. More details to follow.

### White Gift Collection – Pre-k through 12<sup>th</sup> grades – due Sunday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>

We will be collecting new toys/crafts/books for White Gift Sunday to help a needy church in the Bronx. Please wrap gifts in white wrapping paper; note in the corner if it is for a boy or girl & the recommended age group. Gifts will be presented by the Sunday School children at the 10:30 service on Dec 11<sup>th</sup>.

### Delivery to Shut-ins – Junior High – 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades – Date TBA

Our Upper Room youth have been busy making small gifts for our shut-ins. They will deliver these gifts and spread some Christmas cheer following the 10:30 service on December XXX. More information can be obtained in the Upper room.

### Christmas Pageant – Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am service.

All Sunday School students will attend this performance.

### “Scrooge, The Musical” – Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:00pm

### White Gift Delivery – December 18<sup>th</sup> – Time TBD

High School Youth & Adult Volunteers will deliver gifts to St. Peter's in the Bronx. Contact Vicar Jonathan at [jrec212@aol.com](mailto:jrec212@aol.com) for information.

## JANUARY YOUTH ACTIVITIES

### Snow Tubing at Campgaw – Family Event! Saturday, January 21st 5:15-8:30

We will meet in the Good Shepherd parking lot and carpool over to Campgaw Mountain in Mahwah, NJ, for a 2-hour tubing session. COST: \$22/ticket. Forms (avail on youth bulletin board), MUST be turned in by January 9<sup>th</sup>.

Sunday, December 18th 5:30 p.m., in the sanctuary  
save the date for this year's musical production of

## Scrooge

The Musical by Leslie Bricusse  
featuring Walter Lauer, III, Chapel Choir & Sacristy Singers



### *10:30 Worship—Choir Invitation*

*Come one! Come all! Any age—Youth or Adult*

During Advent this year, our 10:30 choir will be offering very easy anthems from the cantata, *Emanuel*, by Eugene Butler.

You can join us for any rehearsal, or just show up on a Sunday morning and sing with us...the music is lovely and simple.

Please help our choir offer beautiful Advent Music to God in Worship!!

Sunday mornings @ 9:45 am in the Choir Room  
or  
Thursday evenings @ 7:30 pm

### BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

Bible Study will resume on Wednesday evening, January 11, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. In Pastor's Office.

All are welcome.



### NEWS FROM SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

#### SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL STAFF UPDATE

Welcome to our new fifth grade teacher, Linda Krampert. Linda comes to us with many years of teaching experience. We are excited to have her as part of our teaching team. Her enthusiasm and knowledge of the Bible are contagious and she has settled in nicely working with our fifth graders in this important year leading to receiving first Holy Communion.

Our sincere thanks to Kristina Florov for her dedicated work with the fifth grade children over the last several years. We wish her well in all her future endeavors and thank her for the time we were blessed to have her on staff. She will be greatly missed!

#### CHECK OUT THE NOVEMBER BULLETIN BOARD

Take time to pass by the upstairs SCS bulletin board. The November display has been created by our kindergarteners with the theme of what they are thankful for!

**CHERUBS** will perform on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> during the 10:30 worship service. The children have been very busy practicing for their upcoming performance. Please mark your calendars for an event you won't want to miss.

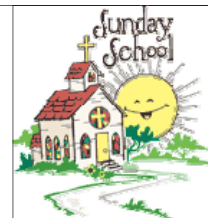
**WHITE CHRISTMAS GIFTS** – December 11<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to send in your white Christmas gifts (wrapped in white tissue please and marked boy or girl and the appropriate age). All our students will each present a gift as they process to the altar that morning.

**DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>** – Regular Sunday School attendance. The children will attend the Christmas Pageant that day with their teachers.

**DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> & JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>** – No regular Sunday School classes. Children will attend church with their families.

Best wishes for a Blessed and Joyous Christmas.

Jeanette Kunow, Sunday School Superintendent



## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR DECEMBER 2011 & JANUARY 2012

### DECEMBER 2011

- 7th—WELCA Meeting at 1:30 in the Parlor
- 11th—White Gift Presentation at 10:30 service
- 12th—ESL Classes end until January 12th
- 12th—St. Lucia Festival—7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall/Sanctuary
- 13th—Women’s Faith Life Group—8:00 p.m.
- 18th—Advent 4—10:30 worship will include the Sunday Church School Christmas Pageant
- 18th—White Gifts will be delivered to St. Peter’s in the Bronx, time T.B.D.
- 18th—*Scrooge*, the Musical—5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- 21st—Church Council Meeting—Parlor
- 24th—Christmas Eve Candlelight Services—7:30 p.m., 9:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m. (with quiet music at 10:30 p.m.)
- 25th—Christmas Day Service—10:30 a.m.

### JANUARY 2012

- 1st—New Year’s Day Service of Holy Communion—10:30 a.m.
- 4th—Creative Play Open Registration for church members and alumni
- 8th—Council Installation, Annual Interfaith Blood Drive
- 9th—ESL Classes resume—Fellowship Hall
- 11th—Bible Study resumes for a 6 week session—7:30 p.m., Pastor’s Office
- 17th—Food, Faith & Friends—7:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor
- 21st—Men’s Breakfast at 9:00 a.m., Snow Tubing Family Event—6:00 p.m.
- 22nd—Art Awareness Exhibit—11:30 a.m.—Fellowship Hall

**(see the complete calendars on the website at [www.gspr.org](http://www.gspr.org))**

### **THANK YOU FROM OUR YOUTH**

Thank you to all who purchased Carousel Cakes! Our Senior High Youth earned \$335.00 towards their trip next July to New Orleans for the ELCA National Youth Gathering! They are very excited and are grateful to have a wonderful congregation to help support their efforts!

### **ESL CLASSES**

ESL Classes will end on December 12th and resume again on January 12th - Monday evenings—7:30pm to 9:00pm. We can accommodate more students, so if you know of anyone who would be interested in taking the free classes, please let them know.

### **A CELEBRATION OF THE VISUAL ARTS – JANUARY 22, 2012**

#### **CALLING ALL ARTISTS and CRAFTERS**

On Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, Good Shepherd’s new Art Awareness Group is sponsoring our first Visual Arts Exhibit in Fellowship Hall.

Whether you paint or knit, or sew...do woodworking or pottery or stain glass... scrapbooking or floral arranging...we want to see whatever it is in the visual arts that gives you joy. We will be displaying these items in Fellowship Hall, where we can share our creative juices, be inspired, and connect with others who find fulfillment in the arts.

Watch for sign-up sheets in Cross Connections





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