

## The Family of God Together December 23, 2007

**GOOD MORNING!** We are glad the Holy Spirit has called you here to worship today. May you sense God's presence here as we worship together through Word and Sacrament, prayer and music.

**IF YOU ARE A VISITOR** with us we extend a warm welcome to you and invite you to worship with us again next week and participate in our church life outlined in our monthly newsletter, The Staff, which can be found in the Narthex on the table. Please take the time to fill out the Visitor form inserted in your bulletin, (or ask the Usher for one) and place the completed form in the offering plate. After passing through the greeting line, please honor us by signing the visitor's book.

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### Merry Christmas

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**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In celebration of Patrick Cole's 17<sup>th</sup> birthday given by his family. In celebration of Evelyn Camps birthday given by Allison van Riemsdyk. In celebration of Bill & Laurie Burke's 36<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. In memory of Thomas Lenczuk by the Borkowski family.

#### CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES

7:30 PM Family service with communion, 11:00 PM candlelight service with communion

#### CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 AM Family service

**PRINCESS RETREAT 2008:** The retreat will be March 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$64.00 per person (includes meals, material, etc.) Please see Amber if you have any questions. The sign-up sheet is on the Christian Education Board.

**SENIOR YOUTH GROUP:** Check out our website: [youth.lc-goodshepherd.info](http://youth.lc-goodshepherd.info) to get up to date info about our events, and see pictures of what we've been up to so far! **EVERYONE** in grades 9-12 is welcome!

**Mission HIMPossible** is the theme for the 2008 NJ District Winter Youth Gathering. All 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome! The Gathering is January 25 - 27 at Camp Lebanon and the cost is \$99.00. This includes everything - food, t-shirt, entertainment, Bible study, fun, fellowship and a bed to sleep in! Sign up at the kitchen counter. All money is due no later than Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Contact Alicia with any questions: [sr.lyf.good.shep@gmail.com](mailto:sr.lyf.good.shep@gmail.com) or 908-624-9153.

**DECEMBER PRAYER PETITION:** "Dear Lord, With praise and thanksgiving we lift our voices for all the blessings you have given us, in our families and at Good Shepherd. We pray and ask You to continue to guide and bless us. Amen."

**BUSY BAGS FOR LITTLE HANDS:** Bags are available for young children to keep them busy during the service. Please return all items and bags at the end of the service.

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** we remember: **those recovering:** Rose Sydor, Rob Maggazzu, Gunhild Nelson, Les Ebersole, Lyman Laub; **those in nursing homes:** Emmy Moore, Leela Mallepalle; **those who are shut-in:** Josie Schubert, Irene Inneo, Marion Morgans; **those in treatment or struggling with cancer:** Dorothy Palmer, Mino DeMaglie, Laurie Burke, Anthony, Kathy Hogan, Jean Tjornhom, Kyle Pelligrino, Gary Kellogg, Laurie Troutman, Mary Morrison, James Murphy, Michelle Conway, Fred Connin, Ingrid Russel, Ruth Cousens, Peggy DeMarco, Marie Giacomini, Joseph Spinelli, Debbie Pryor, Ed Borkowski, Kathy Hill, Dan Grauer, Bob Mauland; **those with other needs:** Gloria Carias, Evelyn Kotora, Ruth Gunderson, Ray Monel, Jake Johnson, Christine Olewine, Gregory Pryor, Vincent Siclari Jr, Jan Burkett, Terry Hayes, Eric Brown, Dylan Brown, Marilyn Evenga, Margaret Wrigley, Trudy Conway; **those in the military:** James McCabe, Marc Artache, Robert Bracero, Chris Hill, Brian Farrell, Jon Griswold, Chris O'Shea, Matthew Munoz, Dustin Brown, Fabian Lopez, Jeff Borkowski, Guy Kotora, Jeff Kotora, Joseph Puoplo, John and Annette Kope, Patrick Galvin, Rob Farrell, Darrin Brown, Brian Borkowski, and Ashley Welsh; **and our missionaries:** Rev. Chuck and Jeanette Groth in Cambodia, and LINC, NJ.

**Special Prayer Request from the Johnson's: JAKE GOES FOR SURGERY --** As many of you know, our grandson Jake was born with a two-chambered heart. On January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at Boston Children's Hospital, Jake will be operated on to change his two-chambered heart into a four-chambered heart. This is a very delicate heart operation and Georgeann and I will be with our son Dave, his wife JoEllen and our grand-daughter Josie Ann as Jake undergoes this operation. Please, as you have in the past, offer up to our Lord your prayers for the surgeons and for Jake. We will keep you informed as best we can. During the operation they will also move his aorta to the other side of his heart for better circulation. He will be the first to have this operation with his other complication of no spleen. The Lord has always held Jake in His arms and we pray that He will continue to hold him and grant him a successful surgery and recovery. Thank you in advance for your prayers and your continued concern – Johnson Family. A care page has been started for Jake. You can visit Jake's CaringBridge to keep track of his progress. The web site is: [www.caringbridge.org/visit/jakejohnson](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/jakejohnson).

**ALTAR GUILD & FLOWERS: NO flowers will be ordered unless paid for in advance.** Please go to the Altar Guild room to pick them up **after** the late service. If you wish to make a donation to cover the cost of altar flowers, OR If you wish to join the Altar guild, please see Alma. **No experience necessary.**

**Parents of College Students:** If you have a child **away** at college, please call or e-mail the church office and give me their address.

## THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

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| <b>Pastor</b>          |                   | Rev. William A. Qualman                      |
| <b>Deacons</b>         | <b>(8:00 AM)</b>  | <b>T. Jocus, J. Jocus</b>                    |
|                        | <b>(10:30 AM)</b> | <b>L. Burke, W. Krawiec, R. Shipley</b>      |
| <b>Manor</b>           |                   | Joe Previte, E. Siclari                      |
| <b>Greeters</b>        |                   | Bill & Christine Bleistein                   |
| <b>Organist</b>        |                   | Mary J. Zeffiro                              |
| <b>Music</b>           |                   | Joshua's Trumpet                             |
| <b>Ushers</b>          | <b>(8:00 AM)</b>  |  |
|                        | <b>(10:30 AM)</b> | P. Pryor, B. Fruh, J. Campbell, D. Bergfeldt |
| <b>Acolytes</b>        | <b>(8:00 AM)</b>  | Conor Jordon, Emily Jocus                    |
|                        | <b>(10:30 AM)</b> | Billy Bleistein, Dominick Pate               |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>     |                   | A. Meyer, B. Meyer, J. Jocus, B. Freeborn    |
| <b>Bulletin Folder</b> |                   | Dill Family                                  |
| <b>Counters</b>        |                   |  |

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| Weekly Budget/Expenses Amount:    | \$ 7,450.00  |
| Contributions received: 12/16/07: | \$ 7,798.25  |
| Current Checking Account Balance: | \$ 30,783.89 |



**Stewardship Corner:** Trust is a necessary part of our lives. We put in a month's work, trusting that we'll receive a paycheck for our finished labor. We get into our cars and drive, trusting that the mechanics have made them safe for our travel. If we can put our trust in fallible human beings, how much more can we trust our Heavenly Father Who promises that, if we give to Him first, He will provide for all we need (*Malachi 3:10!*)

**Good Shepherd Events**  
**Week of December 23 – December 30, 2007**

**Sunday, December 23, 2007**

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| Service of Holy Communion | 8:00 & 10:30 AM |
| Sunday School             | 9:15 am         |
| Adult Bible Study         | 9:30 AM         |

**Monday, December 24, 2007**

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| Christmas Eve Service @ The Manor | 2:00 PM  |
| Christmas Eve Family Service      | 7:30 PM  |
| Candlelight Service               | 11:00 PM |

**Tuesday, December 25, 2007**

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| Christmas Day Worship Service | 10:30 AM |
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**Sunday, December 30, 2007**

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| Service of Holy Communion | 8:00 & 10:30 AM |
| Manor Worship Service     | 10:45 AM        |

**Monday, December 31, 2007**

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| New Year's Eve Service | 7:30 PM |
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The Church Office will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup>, December 25<sup>th</sup>, and  
December 26<sup>th</sup>, December 31<sup>st</sup>, and January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008.

**“The real measure of your wealth is how much you’d be worth if you lost all your money.”** (*Anonymous*)