

The Family of God Together December 30, 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.

Happy New Year

New Year's Eve Worship Service 7:30 PM, December 31st, 2007

ALTAR FLOWERS: In celebration of Tom Jocus' birthday given by his family. In memory of the 30th anniversary of the passing of Blanche Morholt, mother of Yvonne Siclari. In honor of Tony Onorato's 24th Birthday given by his family.

PRINCESS RETREAT 2008: The retreat will be March 29th & 30th. 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.

BOOK CLUB: Will meet on Tuesday, January 8th at 7:30 to discuss The Faith Club

MARKET DAY: Paper orders are due on the 8th, internet orders due on the 14th. Pick up day is January 19th from 8:30 – 9:30 am.

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP: Check out our website: 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 7th – 12th 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 23rd. Contact Alicia with any questions: 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, 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 11th, 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.

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.**

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Pastor		Rev. William A. Qualman
Deacons	(8:00 AM)	B. Meyer, J. Jocus, T. Jocus
	(10:30 AM)	E. Siclari, T. Hansen, S. Hansen
Manor		B. Meyer, W. Krawiec
Greeters		Dean & Marilyn Olson
Organist		Mary J. Zeffiro
Music	(8:00 AM)	Joshua's Trumpet
Ushers	(8:00 AM)	
	(10:30 AM)	P. Pryor, B. Fruh, J. Campbell, D. Bergfeldt
Acolytes	(8:00 AM)	Nicole Onorato, Nicole Drews
	(10:30 AM)	Kelly Doran, Kaitlyn Svat
Altar Guild		A. Meyer, B. Meyer, J. Jocus, B. Freeborn
Bulletin Folder		
Counters		T. Puricelli

Weekly Budget/Expenses Amount:	\$ 7,450.00
Contributions received: 12/23-25/07:	\$ 22,344.75
Current Checking Account Balance:	\$ 41,823.17



Stewardship Corner: *“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops”* (Proverbs 3:9). Do we carry out God’s commands as He gives them, or do we modify His Word to suit our preferences or our time? If we truly love God and are grateful for all His blessings, we will not hesitate to do what He asks of us. By waiting, we show that something or someone is in competition with Him. Isn’t that someone usually ourselves?

Good Shepherd Events
Week of December 30, 2007 – January 6, 2008

Sunday, December 30, 2007	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
Service of Holy Communion	8:00 & 10:30 AM
Manor Worship Service	10:45 AM
Monday, December 31, 2007	New Year's Eve
New Year's Eve Service	7:30 PM
Office Closed	
Tuesday, January 1, 2008	Office Closed
Wednesday, January 2, 2008	
Little Sheep	4:30 – 5:00 PM
Heavenly Dove Bells	5:00 – 5:45 PM
Interpretive Worship Team	5:45 – 6:30 PM
Shepherd Singers	6:30 – 7:30 PM
Celebration Bells	7:30 – 8:30 PM
Sunday, January 6, 2008	
Service of Holy Communion	8:00 & 10:30 AM
Sunday School	9:15 am
Adult Bible Study	9:30 AM

The Church Office will be closed December 31st, and January 1st, 2008.

“The most important aspect of tithing and stewardship is not the raising of money for the church, but the development of devoted Christians.” (*Fred M. Wood*)