



# Good Shepherd Lutheran School Newsletter for Families & Friends

Our mission is to provide a Christ-centered environment in which we guide our children socially, spiritually, intellectually, and physically.

## NOVEMBER

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### CALENDAR:

NOV 1: Tuition due for 2, 4, & 8 payment plans

NOV 4: OPEN HOUSE  
(School is open) 9:15-2:45

NOV 7: NO SCHOOL  
Staff Development Day

NOV 10: School Pictures  
order deadline

NOV 11: NO SCHOOL  
(Veteran's Day)

NOV 12: Pie & Bread  
Sale order deadline—  
pickup on Nov. 25 & 26

NOV 25 & 26: Half-Day  
Classes Thanks Gatherings

NOV 27 & 28: No  
School—Thanksgiving

NOV 30: 9AM—Advent  
Wreath Making  
5PM—Tree Lighting

November Bible Verse:

*"God will command  
His angels... to guard  
you in all your ways."*

*Psalms 91:11*



### From the Director.....Judy R. Hinsch

On Saturday, October 25, we had a record turnout for our Fall Harvest Festival! School, church, and community families came together on a warm, sunny day for a variety of family friendly activities including a costume parade, scarecrow making, pumpkin decorating, pony rides, bounce houses, food, music, raffles and more! Read on as we highlight some of our parents and staff who worked hard to make the day successful. Your attendance helped support the funding of new windows for the school which will be installed over Thanksgiving weekend: we raised \$8,000! The raffles winners included four lucky families who will enjoy front row seating for 8-10 at our Advent Liturgies on December 10 and 11, at which time all school children will tell the Christmas Story in an all-new program written by our very own teachers!

From now until Christmas there is a lot that will be going on at school! On these pages we will take you through November and into the early December events here at school. This is the time to get out your calendar so when reminders come via email or your child's folder, it won't be a surprise! Remember to read everything that reaches you by paper or electronically so you can be ready to participate, support, and attend all that we have to benefit the children and make your family's Good Shepherd experience the best it can be! Please let us know if you are not getting our emails, or if you would like to add an address to our list. As you have noticed, Adrienne has been sending regular emails with reminders; and we've discovered that based on your responses, in your busy lives, all those quick reminders seem to be appreciated!

Thanks again for sharing your children with us and trusting in our ability to make these important years special in their little lives. We love them - and we love what we do!

### Chapel Corner.....

Our offerings for the month of November will be for Ebola Outbreak Response through the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America Disaster Response. In addition to health care, one of the most urgent needs is food. As people in affected areas are quarantined to their homes, towns are being shut down to limit the spread of the virus and people are not able to work, harvest crops or purchase food. The shipment of food has also stopped because people from other countries fear contracting the virus. "We need food," says the Rev. D. Jensen Seyenkulo, bishop of the Lutheran Church in Liberia.

Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to walking with our brothers and sisters affected by the Ebola outbreak in West Africa. Operating through partners and companion churches, LDR is: [1] Supplying and shipping essential protective gear and supplies to protect medical workers at Phebe Hospital and Curran Lutheran Hospital in Liberia [2] Providing food assistance to the Lutheran Church in Liberia and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone [3] Raising awareness and providing sensitization messages on the symptoms and prevention methods of Ebola [4] Completing construction of an isolation center at Phebe Hospital and School of Nursing that meets World Health Organization standards.



Good Shepherd Lutheran School Memberships:  
Lutheran Schools Association (Metro New York)  
Evangelical Lutheran Education Association  
Licensed by the Office of Children & Family  
Services of NY State & Registered Non-Public Pre  
School New York State Department of Education.



## Observing Thanksgiving

"Count your blessings  
instead of your crosses

Count your gains  
instead of your losses

Count your joys  
instead of your woes

Count your friends  
instead of your foes

Count your smiles  
instead of your tears

Count your courage  
instead of your fears

Count your full years  
instead of your lean

Count your kind deeds  
instead of your mean

Count your health  
instead of your wealth

Count on God  
instead of yourself."

(author unknown)

The School Staff wishes  
all of our families a  
Blessed Thanksgiving!

## Look at what's happening at YOUR school!

Annual Christmas  
Tree Lighting



Sunday ~ 5pm  
November 30  
School Children  
will sing on  
stage!

Advent  
Wreath  
Making  
Event ~  
Sunday



November 30 at 9am Watch for  
information to sign up and reserve your materials  
including candle ring, greens, candles, & booklet.

Yes, it is really that time...already!

### REGISTRATION FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR HAS BEGUN!

An application with the \$100 fee will hold your spot. Some of our classes are filling up; please do not delay! Registration has opened to the general public. Already 30 families have secured places for next year. Every year someone waits too long and misses out—don't let that be you!

Please spread the word about our next Open House on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4 during the school day. Hand out one of our invitation postcards with your name on the back. You and your child each receive a gift!

**FUN FRIDAYS FOR FULL DAY FRIENDS** has begun and the four full day classes are enjoying their special Friday afternoons. Every two months (except December) each class will have a new 5-6 week class with a different teacher. These classes create an enrichment opportunity for the children who attend our full day programs and each teacher has the opportunity to teach all 60 children over the course of the year.

From bean bags and obstacle courses, Pollack and van Gogh, sink/float and chemical/physical changes, to "A Sick Day For Amos McGee," the children are enthusiastically engaged in what our creative teachers have planned for them each week!

The children will be challenged with listening and problem solving as they experience ways to move their bodies, learn about and model the masters with different expressions of art, exercise thought processes related to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, and develop skills of thinking, reasoning and predicting while entering the world of some lesser known children's literature,

Mrs. Ocker: "WORDS ALIVE!"  
Mrs. Kideris: "LITTLE PICASSOS"  
Mrs. Sauebacker: "MOVEMENT & MOTION"  
Mrs. Kies: "FULL STE(A)M AHEAD!"








## SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL.... SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT!

### "Yankee Candle" Fundraising Sale

We raised over \$3,200 to put towards having a large screen in the gym for special presentations, including a slide show at Recognition Events in June! Thanks to ALL who so generously supported this effort.



### FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL!

Thanks to ALL who participated in this wonderful day! From baked goods (thanks to the many parents who baked!) to stuffing scarecrows and helping kids decorate pumpkins, many helpful hands made for a delightful day! Alison Carey, Al & Christine Denis, Adrienne Aldoriso (and her children and friend), Diane and Alexandra Kideris, Kiersten Jansky, Joni Prevete, Margo and Francesca Giannuzzi all helped with the various activities. And thanks to Barbara Valenza, Michelle Kies, and Melissa Saueracker for assisting with our Open House in the school.



## ZUMBA!

Classes are held each Monday evening school is in session!

6:15-7:15

Try a class for \$10.

Watch for start of the next 8 session

class for \$60

JOIN

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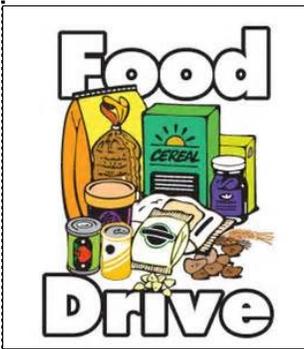
FUN!

Visit the Good Shepherd Lutheran School Library . . . A very special place!



**Birthday Book Club Books**  
*have been added this month to  
 our library in honor of:*

Emily Baek      Emma Cogliano  
 Kyle Connors    Joseph O'Dea  
                          Joseph Durante  
                          Ryan McCaffery  
                          Jennifer Pendola  
                          Maya Puskarich  
 Rishaan Sen      Ethan Sung  
                          Joseph Vallelonga



## Thanksgiving Food Collection

We are collecting food  
 for the Food Pantry at  
 the New Life Center at Grace Lutheran  
 Church in Uniondale. Please place your  
 contributions in the shopping cart in the  
 hallway by Thursday, November 7th.

**Important:**

*School is  
 Closed*

**FRIDAY**

**November 7**

Staff Development

**TUESDAY**

**November 11**

Veterans Day



**ORDER NOW! White Post Farms  
 PIE & BREAD SALE!**

**Deadline to order: Nov 14....Pick-up: Nov 25 & 26**

### Wintery Weather Reminders:

Unless the weather is bitterly cold, windy, or damp, the children will go out for recess (at the very least for a short walk). Please be sure that your child has adequate clothing, including a warm enough jacket, hat, and mittens. Girls will usually be most comfortable in pants. Sometimes 32° and sunny is perfect playground weather, and 40° with a damp wind will keep us inside. Rest assured that we are very careful in determining outdoor vs. indoor recess.

Even when the weather is cold, we do not open the doors for drop-off and pick-up any earlier. You may want to wait in your car until you see the doors open so you don't get cold waiting outside. Please remember this is for security reasons and to respect the preparation time of our staff.

### Hallway Decorations

Thanks to the following MOMS who decorated our hallway for the fall:  
 Christine Cardarelli, Christine Denis, Masami Inoue, Sayaka Iwamoto, Mai Maeda,  
 Anna Miriello

**THURSDAY**

**& FRIDAY**

**November**

**27 & 28**

Thanksgiving

