



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

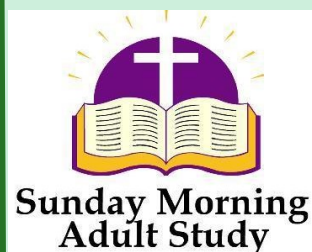
CELEBRATING 71 YEARS IN GOD'S SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 2023

Dear Good Shepherd Friends and Family,

I hope that you all enjoyed your summer relaxing. I was able to spend time at the beach, which is my favorite summer activity. Now is the time to get back to the business of Good Shepherd. September is the time where we start our new year. Here are some of the things going on:

- Rally Day is September 10th. We are planning to have fellowship after the 10:15 a.m. worship service. Please join us!
- Sunday school also starts up again in September. We will have enrollment starting on Rally Day. All children ages 3 through sixth grade are invited to attend.
- Confirmation class starts on September 10th. Good Shepherd confirmands will be participating with Faith Syosset in confirmation class on Sunday evenings at Faith Lutheran Church this year. Thank you to Pastor Rebecca Sheridan for including Good Shepherd students. Please make sure to contact the church office to ensure that your confirmand has a place in the class.
- Sharing the Faith with Deacon Jim starts up again at 9:00 a.m. on September 17th in the East Cottage.
- Sunday 6 p.m. services will resume with a Taize service on September 17th at 6 p.m. Please join us for that meaningful, reflective service.
- Bereavement group meets the first and third Monday of every month in the East Cottage at 6 p.m. beginning September 18.
- Book club will be meeting on Thursday, September 21st at 7 p.m. to discuss "The Secret Keeper" by Kate Morton.
- Band of Brothers support group starts again on September 25th and meets every second and fourth Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. via conference call.



As you can see, our ministry is continuing! We need your participation to continue to Love, Live, and Share Christ.

I hope you all had the time to fill out the Congregational Assessment Tool survey (Holy Cow). This is an important step for us to move forward, and more importantly, for your thoughts to be heard.

In addition, as I have mentioned previously, we will be partnering with the Kaleidoscope Institute. What we know so far is that the Council needs to have several zoom meetings with KI. Then, we will need to have the Congregation participate in meetings as well. What that looks like and when is still to be determined. As soon as we have more information, I will share it.

Blessings,

Terry Morris

Terry



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

A Message From Our Director

Dear Good Shepherd Friends and Family,

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer vacation. Welcome back to school. We are very excited to meet our new school families and welcome back our returning families! We hope you had a fun-filled summer and are as excited as we are about the upcoming school year.

Back to school is a time for all of us to get to know one another and to become familiar with our surroundings. There has been a lot of preparation made prior to the beginning of school, which begins on Tuesday, September 5th.

Hip Hip Hooray!!

I love seeing the children walk into the building for the very first time smiling and happy to be at our school. This really is a special place for the children, parents, and the Good Shepherd staff.

This new school year is filled with many church and school events that we hope many of you will take part in. Some fundraising events that we have planned are Fall Harvest Festival, Coupon Books, Sandwich Express Fundraiser, Prestige Catalog, Scholastic Book Fair, Thanksgiving Pie Sale, Christmas Tree Lighting, Little Elves Christmas Shop, Plant Sale and much more. Please join us as we celebrate these events.

For more information, please contact the school office at (516) 349-1966.

I look forward to partnering with you and your family by making this a fun learning experience for your child. Please reach out to me if you have any questions throughout the year.

Blessings,

Vanessa Bigam

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School Director

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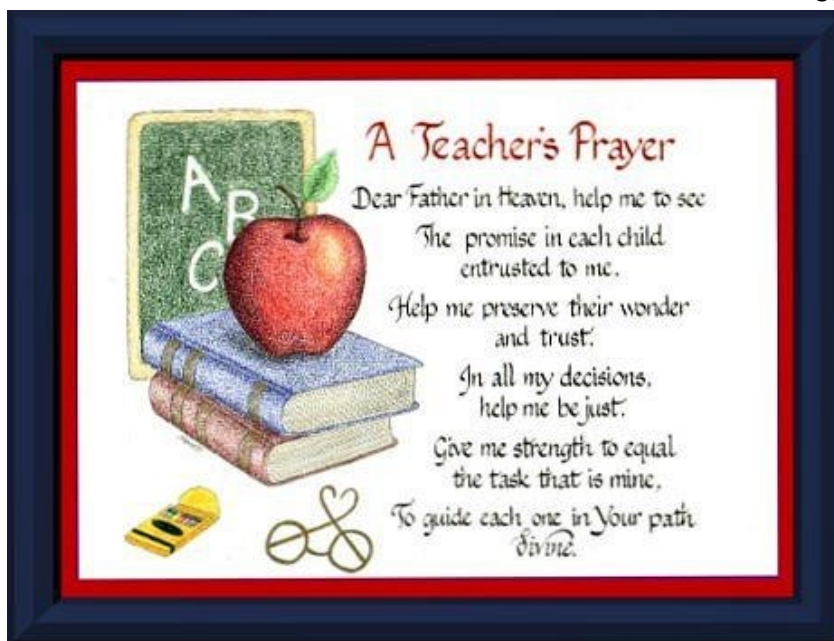
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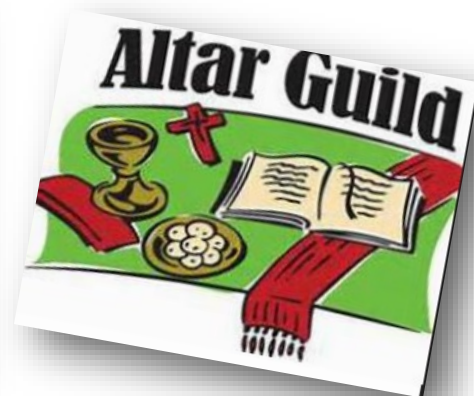
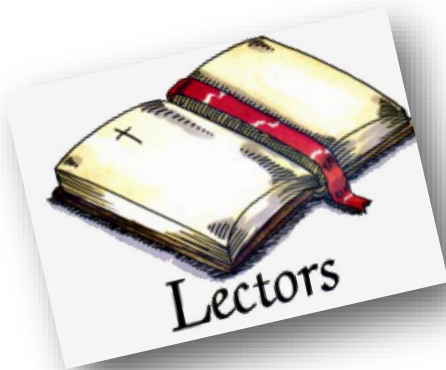
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Our Shepherd Lives

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Deacon: James Blewett
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School Director: Vanessa Bigam
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Sexton: Alfredo Poveda





DATE	SERVICE	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTOR(S)	USHERS	ALTAR CARE
September 3 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Dr. John Krahn	8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Deacon Jim Blewett Anne Rickmeyer	Loretta Ruff	Carol Koenig & Donna Hickey	Anne Rickmeyer
September 10 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Rev. James Anderson	8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Deacon Jim Blewett Bonnie McGowan	Irma Carlson	Sue Devine & Donna Hickey	Bonnie McGowan
September 17 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Nancy Rakoczy	8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Deacon Jim Blewett Ronn Hall	Kim Whitenack	Dean & Annmarie Brown	Anne Rickmeyer
September 24 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Dr. Charlie Vogeley	8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Deacon Jim Blewett Terry Miccio	JoAnn Schulz- Dellacona	Donna Hickey & Bonnie McGowan	Terry Miccio



PARENT ORIENTATION

**FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 1 @ 6:00 p.m.**





JOIN US FOR OUR BACK-TO-SCHOOL FAMILY FELLOWSHIP
FOLLOWING THE 10:15 A.M. WORSHIP ON SEPTEMBER 10!



BRING YOUR KIDS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10:10 A.M.
REGISTRATION WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER WORSHIP!!



My Dear Good Shepherd Family,

It has been a blessing and an honor to serve as your Church Secretary for the past 13½ years. We have shared together so many joys of baptisms, weddings or ordinations as well as the sadness of death and fear during a pandemic. You saw my twins grow up just as I have seen many of your children reach their personal milestones. You have always made us feel welcome and part of this family, making this so much more than just a job, and for that I am forever grateful. Thank you very much for the lovely parting ceremony, the coffee hour, flowers, and your generous gift this past Sunday as well as for all of your gestures of appreciation throughout these years. Be it a nice compliment, a phone call, a card or a gift, it is always uplifting to know you are appreciated, and serving the people of Good Shepherd was a personally rewarding experience. Each of you mean very much to me and will always have a place in my heart. I hope to run into you in the neighborhood, maybe at Shoprite or the library or Mario's or somewhere else. Please stay in touch and keep me in your prayers, and I will do the same for you.



Maureen

Maureen Cooke

Welcome Our New Cantor

(A Familiar Face to Many of Us!)

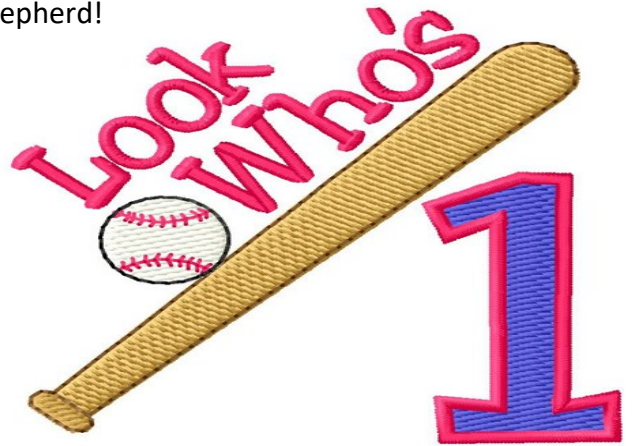


Alison Carey will be singing alongside Veronica at our worship services. She has a long history with Good Shepherd, and both the school and church hold a very special place in her heart. While growing up in Plainview, her mother taught at Good Shepherd School and Alison attended as a preschooler. Her family moved to eastern Long Island, but Alison reestablished her Plainview roots after marrying her husband Mike in 2005. Alison delights in being a mom to her two amazing kids, Ryan and Madison, who both went to Good Shepherd as well! The Careys have been church members since 2014, and Alison has been the music teacher at Good Shepherd School since 2016. She holds a BS in Music from Hofstra University and spent several years singing on tours and in amazing places like Carnegie Hall. Alison is truly honored to be a Cantor and share her love of music and God with the people of Good Shepherd!

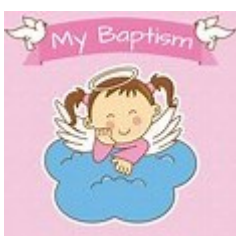
BLESSINGS!



On August 13, Pastor Kleose baptized Pacita Lois Brown. We welcome this child of God into our Good Shepherd Family!



James Leonard Choi Fassino!

































Denise & Stanley Bartkow ~ 56 years on 9/2
 James & Mary Bonano ~ 9 years on 9/5
 Rich & Maryellen Collins ~ 37 years on 9/6
 Maureen & Sean Cooke ~ 36 years on 9/11
 Jennifer & Raymond Sturz ~ 4 years on 9/14
 Susan & Ryan DeVerna ~ 18 years on 9/17
 Andras & Joanne Krisztin ~ 53 years on 9/20
 Helen & Robert LaBarbara ~ 10 years on 9/22
 Evan & Ashley Haupt ~ 2 years on 9/24
 Veronica & Rich Savarese ~ 15 years on 9/25
 Hildy & Robert Johnson ~ 44 years on 9/29



Michael Dumont ~ 9/1
 Kathy Schindelheim ~ 9/1
 Emma Lynn Eisele ~ 9/3
 Madison Sgambati ~ 9/3
 Shannon Agres ~ 9/4
 Richard Collins ~ 9/4
 Kayden Ferrante ~ 9/4
 Madison Montwill ~ 9/4
 Kaitlyn Kieran ~ 9/5
 Matthew Stoddart ~ 9/5
 Adriana Vellone ~ 9/5
 Yuna Jin ~ 9/6
 Matthew Salerno ~ 9/6
 JoAnn Schulz-Dellacona ~ 9/8
 Gregory Cugliari ~ 9/9
 Karter Ferrante ~ 9/9
 Himari Masumoto ~ 9/9
 Gillian McGowan ~ 9/10
 Kathy Ocker ~ 9/10
 Brayden Palumbo ~ 9/10
 Nooria Rizvi ~ 9/10
 Dawn Ciulla ~ 9/11
 Gregory Thomas ~ 9/11

Izabella Canino ~ 9/12
 Melody Fassino ~ 9/12
 Kyle Pawlenko ~ 9/12
 Charlotte Sticker ~ 9/12
 Sophia Kowalski ~ 9/13
 Madelyn Luedemann ~ 9/13
 Deven Rausch ~ 9/13
 AJ Razzano ~ 9/20
 Joy Schabel ~ 9/13
 Brian Fiedler ~ 9/14
 Tonia Lomele ~ 9/15
 Mike Carey ~ 9/16
 Naomi Hulver ~ 9/16
 Gianna Ramirez ~ 9/16
 Madison Tare ~ 9/16
 Ashton Bamberger ~ 9/17
 Michael Milhim ~ 9/17
 Patrick Moran ~ 9/17
 Nicholas Prainito ~ 9/17
 Heather Stachlik ~ 9/17
 Ellen Bird ~ 9/18
 James Bonano ~ 9/18
 Madison Sand ~ 9/18

Peyton Siederman ~ 9/18
 Stephen Betz ~ 9/19
 David Cronin ~ 9/19
 Dorothy Rooney ~ 9/19
 Juliette DiMartini ~ 9/20
 Isabelle Moran ~ 9/20
 Keith Mason ~ 9/21
 Kirsten Figle ~ 9/22
 Amina Islam ~ 9/22
 Stephanie Jahn ~ 9/22
 Kristen Mezick ~ 9/22
 Adalynn Sharon ~ 9/22
 Aidan Kwarta ~ 9/23
 Ingrid Larson ~ 9/23
 Marianna Carbone ~ 9/24
 Shirley Erland ~ 9/24
 Annika Flink ~ 9/24
 Morgan Passolo ~ 9/25
 Muriel Meyer ~ 9/27
 Jason Jansky ~ 9/29
 Kristin Cacchioli ~ 9/30

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>  <h1>September</h1>  </div>						
PENTECOST 14 8:00 a.m. Spoken Liturgy 10:15 a.m. Traditional Worship 	LABOR DAY— CAMPUS CLOSED 	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 	10:00 a.m. Saintly Sewers & Nifty Nitters 7:00 p.m. Magician's Guild in Gym 	7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop #423 	6:00 p.m. Parent Orientation 	
PENTECOST 15 8:00 a.m. Spoken Liturgy 10:15 a.m. Traditional Worship/ Emily Eslick's Baptism Sunday School Following Worship Family Fun & Fellowship 7:00 p.m. • Confirmation Parent & Student Meeting at Faith Lutheran • POB Community Interfaith Service of Prayer & Remembrance at St. Pius 	9:30 a.m. Children's Chapel 	7:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting 	10:00 a.m. Saintly Sewers & Nifty Nitters 	12:30 p.m. Ladies' Luncheon at Jackie Reilly's 7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop #423 	15:00 p.m. Erotastic Friday!! 	HAPPY SATURDAY! HAVE AN AWESOME WEEKEND! 
PENTECOST 16 8:00 a.m. Spoken Liturgy 9:00 a.m. Sharing the Faith 10:10 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Traditional Worship Following Worship Worship & Music Meeting 6:00 p.m. Laize Worship 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Leaders' Meeting in East Cottage 7:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith Lutheran in Svosset 	9:30 a.m. Children's Chapel 6:00 p.m. Bereavement Group in East Cottage 	7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting 	10:00 a.m. Saintly Sewers & Nifty Nitters 	1:00 p.m. 21+ Men's Luncheon at Jackie Reilly's 7:00 p.m. School Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Book Discussion 7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop #423 	22:00 FRIDAY 	23:00 Happy Saturday! Have a fantastic Weekend Friends! The Huguenot Women 
PENTECOST 17 8:00 a.m. Spoken Liturgy 9:00 a.m. Sharing the Faith 10:10 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Traditional Worship 6:00 p.m. Healing 7:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith Lutheran in Svosset 	School Closed/Daycare Open 6:00 p.m. "Band of Brothers" Men's Support Group Conference Call 	It's WEDNESDAY 	10:00 a.m. Saintly Sewers & Nifty Nitters 	7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop #423 	29:00 FRIDAY! 	30:00 



UPDATE FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

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EMPOWERED!

by Rev. David Elseroad, D.Min., LMFT, Pastoral Psychotherapist



It's September, and students of all ages are headed back to school, preschool on up to graduate school, as well as night classes and self-improvement courses, too. Many will also begin or continue their "schooling" in therapy. Therapy (or talk therapy or counseling) can perhaps best be understood as education, a learning about one's self. If education, a quest for knowledge and skills so central to life today, is also a quest to know the self, so, too, is therapy, in a much more focused and intentional way.

People come to therapy with all sorts of concerns—anxiety, depression, anger, relational and family issues, mood swings, addictive behaviors and many others. But as these concerns are discussed, the individual's sense of self that underlies them emerges—a self that is invariably barely known, or denigrated or dismissed, or kept hidden away. You may discover that you don't really know yourself, or that you don't really like yourself, or that you don't have much confidence in yourself. Many a client complains of being "stuck," going around in circles and getting nowhere, of not being heard or heeded, of not accomplishing anything, of not living the life that they want.

Personal empowerment begins with the self. At its most basic, empowerment means "becoming powerful." Everyone has strengths and weaknesses (aka "growing edges") and a range of skills used in everyday situations, but often people remain unaware of, or undervalue, their self and its abilities. Empowerment is about looking at who you are and becoming more aware of yourself as a unique individual. It involves developing the confidence and strength to set realistic goals and pursue them with determination. As we discover and reflect on our values, skills and goals in our counseling conversations, and as we adjust our behaviors in order to achieve our goals, we grow in self-awareness, self-esteem and self-confidence. We get "unstuck" and "get somewhere"!

Being "enabled" involves outside control; it is the antithesis of "empowered." It is true that a newborn baby can only be enabled to survive. But the wise parent brings a child from a place of enablement into maturity as an empowered human being. Empowered people are able to care for themselves in relational community; are aware of self and others; create their own goals; want to change and believe they can; and act on choices freely made with all the consequences, risks and rewards that follow. "You will receive power..." (Acts 1:8) is a promise from God that we can embrace. Knowing ourselves free and valued before God, and through the special "education" that therapy avails, we can say with St. Paul, "I can do all things through Christ who empowers (strengthens) me" (Philippians 4:13). On that empowerment ladder, whatever our goal, we'll own it, initiate it, build it, maintain it and grow it!



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