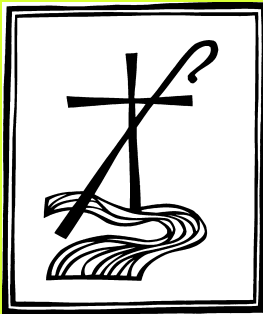


# THE VOICE

JUNE 2011



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*When you send forth your spirit, we are renewed. ~ Psalm 104:30*

### INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Christian Edu- 2  
cation

Mark Your Cal- 3  
endars

Music/LVC 4

Youth News/ 5  
Family Promise

Prayer Line/ 6  
Hilltop Lu-  
theran  
Neighborhood  
Center

Council Corner 7

They were all together in one place. Waiting. They were scared. They were wondering. When will Jesus return? What's next for us? Was all that stuff Jesus said really true?

And then, wind... fire... noise... silence...

Those first followers of Jesus did not know what to do or what to think. Yet, in the midst of their uncertainty and fear, along comes the very spirit of God, the Holy Spirit, filling up each of them and making them more than they ever imagined they could be. I love the story of Pentecost, when in the course of one day, those rag-tag bunch of friends become bold, power-filled, spirit-driven missionaries for Jesus. Peter, the one who was always out in front, asking the dumb questions, trying so desperately to do the right thing, but more often falling flat on his face, now steps out into the light of that morning, and speaks. He speaks words of wisdom and life, telling all who will listen about the power of God at work in the world through Jesus.

Do you know what happened? That one day, over three thousand were added to their number! They were on fire with the Spirit, and could not help but speak. They had to tell those around them, people who were just like them and those who were nothing like them, they told them all about the love of God made known in Jesus.

Pentecost is coming once more. The question for us is, are we, too, on fire with the Spirit? Will we take this as just another nice day when we get to wear red and eat hot dogs at our picnic? Or will this Pentecost be a chance for us to tell someone about the ways God's love has been present in our lives? I encourage you to invite a friend to come to worship on June 12 at 9:30 a.m., and stay for the picnic. If you do, be sure to tell them your own story, of how God's Spirit has worked in your life. Tell them why being a follower of Jesus is more important than elaborate worship and great fellowship. Tell them why you love God and what a difference your faith has made in your life. Even if you don't invite someone to join us that day, I urge you to still consider thinking about these things. I know it is hard to take that step and talk about a life of faith. But there are so many amazing blessings that come with following Jesus. It is a gift to share with those we love. You have been given this gift. You have power. You have the Spirit of God that will not let you go. Thanks be to God.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Kathy

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**THANK YOU to all of our teachers and staff that made the Sunday morning education hour a wonderful place to be.**

We would like to thank our teachers who from September to May made sure that children had the opportunity to grow in faith while having fun each Sunday morning:

3s and 4s class: Melissa Ferriola and Mary Kay Camaratta

Kindergarten: Samantha Keulmann, Christine Sauerbrunn, and Stephanie Sauerbrunn

First grade: Nancy Huber

Second grade: Felice Kerr and Kim Klocke

Third grade: Michelle Craley and Olivia Hiddemen

Fourth grade: Sharon Oslin and Martin Uniacke

Fifth and sixth grade: Dave Ropars

Seventh and eighth grade: Paul Klocke, Kevin Loney, and Pastor Kathy

High school: Katie Mulrey and Abby Wolfe

Sunday school opening: Joan DeMuth and helpers

We would like to thank those people who helped with the Sunday morning adult classes:

Rick Bogda, John Crum, Sue Loney, Kay Gallogly and Pastor Kathy

A special thank you to Susie Ventresca who served as the Sunday school superintendent through December. Thanks to her time and commitment the Sunday school year got off to a great start.

And, finally, thank you to our special volunteers that did substitute teaching, attendance rosters, etc.

**Interested in joining us next year? We have room for new teachers and other staff for Fall 2011. See the signup sheet on the bulletin board. You can sign up for a class to teach or grab a friend and sign up to teach a class together. You'll be glad you did.**

Or perhaps you might be interested in guiding the adult education series. We are forming an Adult Education Team to choose topics and identify potential teachers for adult education. If you would be interested in serving on this team, please send me an email at [trebilcock@aol.com](mailto:trebilcock@aol.com).

Thank you to everyone who helped the people of Good Shepherd grow in faith through Sunday School.

Have a fantastic summer!

~ Beth Trebilcock, on behalf of the Christian Education Committee

*We are fortunate at Good Shepherd to have opportunities to grow in faith through Sunday school thanks to the work of Beth Trebilcock, Joan DeMuth, and the Christian Education committee. Like many of the ministries at Good Shepherd, their quiet and countless hours of work behind the scenes makes great things possible. Thank you all for all you do!*

*~Sharon Oslin, on behalf of Church Council*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### Annual Church Picnic June 12th Rain or Shine

Immediately following morning worship on June 12th, we will gather outside for our annual church picnic. Bring a side-dish or dessert to share. Good Shepherd will provide burgers, hot dogs and drinks.

We'll have games, water fun and tie-dye for the kids. (Bring a clean white shirt or other item to tie-dye.)

Sign up on the bulletin board or on the Count Me In slip.

If you can assist with set-up and/or clean up, please contact Linda Ulmanis at [lulmanis@msn.com](mailto:lulmanis@msn.com).

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NAZARETH - Where Jesus was a Kid!

June 19<sup>th</sup> through June 23<sup>rd</sup>  
5:30pm - 8:00pm

For kids from age 3 through Grade 5

**It's still not too late to register! Dinner will be served each evening. Registration fee to cover the cost of food is \$20 per child or \$30 per family.**

We can always use additional volunteers to help with the Nazareth Marketplace or to serve as family leaders or actors. If you can help, please see our sign-up sheets on the Sunday School Bulletin Board located in the hallway leading to Swears Hall, or contact Beth Trebilcock or Joan DeMuth. We promise you a great experience!

### *From DE to the Schuylkill*

The May Lunch Bunch crowd was hoping for a dry day in the third week of May for their trip to the Fairmont Water Works Interpretative Center. After leaving Delaware under cloudy skies, they were rewarded with a brighter, and at times a sunlit, view of the Schuylkill River. The tour and explanation of the Water Works, located behind the Philadelphia Art Museum, began with the river and proceeded into the renovated structures. The historic buildings, the earliest from 1815, were a prototype for water-supply systems in their day. The engineering and mechanically-minded peppered the guide with questions. All of us enjoyed the tour, the movie, the exhibits, and the artifacts.

Following the tour we took a brief elevator ride to the Water Works Restaurant housed on the upper floor of the "engine house" which architecturally looks like a Federal style country home. We enjoyed a delicious and filling luncheon. The Angus Beef Cheese Steaks were huge; however, no names will be mentioned of those who ate the whole thing or those who requested doggie bags. Well sated, we returned to Delaware and were greeted by raindrops.

Special thanks to George Huemmrich who coordinates the Lunch Bunch meetings and activities.

Submitted by Paula DeLucco

***Editor's Note: The next Lunch Bunch will be held on June 16th at 12 noon.***

## MUSIC

Looking ahead to Summer and Fall:

While our summer music schedule is coming together well, there are still some open slots. I always welcome suggestions for talent that may be unknown to me.

**Summer Choir** is a Good Shepherd tradition and a great opportunity for those who love to sing in choir but are presently unable to commit on a regular basis. Please mark your calendars for July 10 and August 14. We will gather those mornings at 8:45 and prepare an anthem for use during the offering.

Our **Instrumental Ensemble** will present music on July 17. We always have room for another player. If you or someone you know has been thinking of getting that instrument out of the closet and joining us, this would be a great opportunity. Rehearsal for that morning will be 8:45 as well.

This year our **Youth Choir** transitioned into a group that gathered and rehearsed for specific occasions. Due to graduation, we have fewer singers available next year. I would be interested in hearing from anyone who has an idea of a musical endeavor/activity that we could initiate to incorporate more of our youth into our worship.

David Bowsbey  
Director of Music



### LUTHERAN VOLUNTEER CORPS

Thank you for participating, donating and/or getting pledges to support the annual Bowl-a-thon sponsored by the Wilmington LVC Support Committee.

Fourteen teams of bowlers raised over \$9,200 for the Lutheran Volunteer Corps with your support and matching funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Churches that sent teams of bowlers were: St. Phillip's; St. Mark's; Zion; Good Shepherd; and, St. Stephen's. We look forward to them being with us in **April 2012** and hope that four other area churches can join with us.

This year's nine volunteers will be leaving the end of July and a new group of volunteers will arrive in mid-August. Please keep all of them in your prayers

## YOUTH NEWS

### River Party

**Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup>**

We're going back to the Elk River! Mark your calendars for June 18<sup>th</sup> and join us for an awesome day of swimming and games.

### Work Camp 2011

**July 3<sup>rd</sup> – July 9<sup>th</sup>**

Work Camp 2011 is almost here! Good Shepherd is sending 23 youth and adults to help repair homes in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. We will join youth from around the country in projects such as mending porches, fixing stairways, and patching roofs. This will be an incredible opportunity for our youth to share God's love by actively reaching out to their neighbors in need. Thank you so much for your prayers and support!

## FAMILY PROMISE

### Next Hosting

We are scheduled to start hosting again on Sunday, June 26th. We were very fortunate to have had three full months off since we last hosted and the rest was appreciated. Sign up sheets for the June 26 hosting are posted on the Family Promise bulletin board.

**2011 Schedule** Good Shepherd is scheduled to host during the weeks of September 18th and November 6th.

### 2012 Schedule

We are being asked to let the network know of dates we can not host during 2012. Please let us know if you can think of any events in 2012 that would conflict with our ability to host a particular week.

### Cell Phone Numbers

There have been several times while we were hosting in the past when it was important to reach volunteers involved with the hosting. This is especially true for the Overnight Hosts, Drivers and those involved with the meals. We plan on making a contact list for Family Promise that will include land-line (home and work) and cell phone numbers. While home phone numbers can be obtained via the church directory the other information is not available. If possible, please provide this information via email so that it may be shared with the Good Shepherd Coordinators. If for some reason you do not want to give us a cell phone number, we will understand and respect your privacy.

~ Ralph and Lee Klesius

### PRAYER LINE REQUESTS



PRAY FOR:	CONCERN:	REQUESTED BY:
HARRIET AUERDA	Gall Bladder Surgery	Susan Hooper
PETE AUERDA	Fall—Brain Injury	Susan Hooper
DAVE BARRELL	Ocular Melanoma	Nancy Wolfe
SUZANNE BEAM	Breast Cancer	Betsy Lengel
RACHEL BURBINE	Intestinal Bypass	Carol Lee Waslick
ISABEL DUDLEY	Pancreatic Cancer	Jane Crowley
TRINA HAXTON	Auto Accident	Susan Wendt
MARY & KEN KELLY	Mary- Pancreatic Cancer	Susan Hooper
TOM KELLY	Healing After Surgery	Janet James
LINDA LARKIN		Self
BETH MICHENER	Leg Surgery	Betsy Lengel
JAMES PERSOLEO	Colon Cancer	Carol Lee Waslick
MEGAN PIERCE	General Well Being	Janet James
JUNE ROBINSON	Continued Care	Debbie Sheridan
HARRIET SHEALY	Continued Care	Pastor Kathy
OTIS SHEALY	Continued Care	Self
KAREN SPEAKMAN	Wife-Caregiver	Phyllis Bierstedt
WALT SPEAKMAN	Neurological Degeneration	Phyllis Bierstedt
HELEN TORGERSON	Fall -Head Injury	Bob Torgerson

Friends & families of those persons removed from the prayer line thank everyone for their prayers and concerns.

Prayer requests may be made by calling Pastor Kathy at the church office, (302) 478-3030 or Faith Moyer at (302)-475-3122.

### HILLTOP LUTHERAN NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

#### **Happy Summer!!**

With the coming of the summer solstice comes many changes, some good, some not so good: along with vacations, family trips, rest, and relaxation there's also the heat and humidity. The same is true for the Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center which recently received some good news and some bad news.

First the good news. Hilltop was recently spotlighted by United Way of Delaware for our alternative behavior program, officially known as "the Early Childhood Behavior Health Project." This project targets three and four year olds who have behavior issues. Some of those issues are as minor as temper tantrums while others include flipping classroom desks! Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Elizabeth Clapham teaches at Hilltop and leads the pilot project. She says she starts by forming a relationship with the child. "The motto we use is 'Connection then Correction.' Each intervention must begin with (the adult) demonstrating caring, curiosity, understanding, and appreciation of the child before proceeding to the necessary limits."

~ continued on next page

The program operates through the Delaware Guidance Services for Children and Youth via a grant from J.P. Morgan Chase.

That's the good news.

The bad news hurts on several levels. The Delaware/Maryland Synod notified Hilltop in late April that, as of 2012, it will no longer fund the center. The Synod's \$8,464 grant in 2011 will not be renewed due to budgetary cut backs within the synod. In a letter to Center Executive Director, Jea Street, the Synod said congregational funding had dropped by nearly one half million dollars over the last two years, causing officials to decrease or eliminate many ministries with which the Synod had long term relationships.

This news will hurt the center financially, but it will also hurt psychologically as The Delaware/Maryland Synod has been a long time ministry partner with Hilltop and that relationship will be missed. This is yet another reason why your financial and volunteer contributions to Hilltop are greatly needed and much appreciated.

Thank you,

*Board of Directors*

*Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center*

## COUNCIL CORNER

Council met on May 11th. Pastor Kathy was on vacation after the hectic Easter holiday season...although taking two young girls to Disneyworld is not what I would call getting some much needed rest...{:o)

Pastor Kathy's did give us a written report where she highlighted:

- How pleased she was with the quality and response to our Lenten and Holy Week worship. Special thanks to Susan Wendt and the rest of the staff, to David Bowsbey and the many musicians who participated, the altar guild, all the actors for our Lenten JPS skits, and all the others who contributed in many and various ways. The spirit is surely blowing though us.
- On May 1st, the Synod Social Ministry Award was presented to Lee and Ralph Klesius for their work with our refugee family from Kosovo. They, along with members of the Social Ministry committee, attended the awards dinner in Westminster, MD. Thank you Lee and Ralph for your dedication and for the love you share in so many ways.
- The first Common Committee Night was a success with Youth, Worship & Music, Christian Ed and Social Ministry participating along with the newly formed Columbarium Committee. The attendees appreciated the sense of community, sharing devotions, and recapping at the end of the meeting. If you would like to participate, please join one of the committees. They are always in need of new hands to help do God's work.

Malcolm Styer gave the financial report which was approved as submitted. He highlighted that for the 2<sup>nd</sup> month in a row our giving versus pledged was in the low 80% range. The annual budget was based on the pledges, so if you are able, please keep your pledge up to date especially now as we enter the summer season.

We discussed the Work Day on May 14th. I can report that we had a good turnout and we got a lot of weeding and mulching done. Thanks to Craig Hooper for organizing and to all of you who came out to help.

Finally, we discussed dates for our Vision 2021 Leadership Event – Part II. Due to summer vacations, it was decided to delay the meeting until September or October to ensure that we have high participation. More will be communicated as we finalize design and date.

Council closed with the Lord's Prayer. Please feel free to contact any Council member with any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Council,

Rick Bogda

# LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

1530 Foulk Road

Wilmington, DE 19803

(302) 478-3030

E-mail: [lgsde@gmail.com](mailto:lgsde@gmail.com)

On the web:

[www.goodshepherd-wilmington.org](http://www.goodshepherd-wilmington.org)

**Sunday Worship**

**9:30 AM**

## Church Staff:

Pastor: Kathy Ierien

Youth Minister: Katie Mulrey

Secretaries: Susan Wendt and Sandy Andrews

Church Council President: Sharon Oslin

Director of Music: David Bowlsbey

Handbell Director: Margaret Love

Parish Administrator: George Huemmrich

Parish Nurse: Heidi Preisendanz

Sexton: Bob Moyer

Volunteer Ministry Coordinator: Nancy Griffith

*Voice* Editor: Nancy Huber

### **Note to Contributors:**

**Due to upcoming vacation schedules, there will be no July issue of The VOICE. If you have any information that needs to be shared with the congregation, please feel free to contact the church office.**

**Happy Summer!**