



+Christian Symbol+

Shepherd's Crook

The shepherd's crook is a symbol for Jesus, the Good Shepherd. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). The crook also symbolizes the shepherds who visited the baby Jesus in Bethlehem. It's also used in connection with King David, who worked as a shepherd when he was young.

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Soup & Prayers Is Coming

The season of Lent begins at the end of this month and that means it's time for our mid week Lenten program. Soup and prayers is coming! This is one of those unique experiences that combines fellowship, Lenten reflection, and super duper soups!

Lent — the season of waiting, a season of self reflection, a season of learning, a season where perhaps “less” extravagant food is really “more”. Our Soup and Prayers program wraps all these things up in a nice, neat little package. If you've not joined us before, then this is the year you should, and if you have come before, well come back again!

This ministry is a ministry for us. This is something you should experience. At the time of Jesus' birth, we all freely say “Let's keep 'Christ' in Christmas.” Well, as we prepare for our Saviors' resurrection, why not freely say, “Let's keep 'Christ' in Lent.”

Please note it's in the Church Family Room on the following Thursdays from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm:

- March 5
- March 12
- March 19
- March 26
- April 2

Come next month and prepare your heart and soul for Easter.



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Letter from Pastor Hayley

Leap Year...Leap of Faith

When January started this year many of us dreamed about a "new me" or a "new us". A new year, and a new state of mind. However by the third week of that month many of us already were discouraged and many of us already gave up, so February begins with the feeling of "whatever, I don't care."

I think it is the same with the life of a congregation too. When our new congregation was formed people had dreams and hopes for the future and worked hard towards achieving them. But sometimes because of the lack of ability or a personal situation, the dreams got scattered. We can easily lose our motivation and think "whatever." But we also know at the same time that at the end of "whatever" is the point of no return, whether it comes slowly or not.

So this month let me challenge you a little bit, because this year is not like any other year. It is a leap year! And it's not just an ordinary leap year. We are celebrating the 70th anniversary of our congregation in Paramus, New Jersey.

So the topic of my challenge is "Leap Year...Leap of Faith."

When we use the phrase "leap of faith" we mean we are doing something even though we are not sure it is right or will succeed. But we choose to believe and we do something uncertain.

In Christ there is no such thing as uncertainty. The certainty is that we are children of God and we are blessed to be God's children. But there are things in our lives that are unpredictable that make us feel timid and prevent us from doing things boldly for the sake of God.

So I ask these questions to you. When was the last time you challenged yourself to be bold for the kingdom of God? When was the last time you thought outside the box and looked for ways to spread the goodness of God to all people? How can we still celebrate the traditions that we are holding on to and, at the same time, create a space to explore new things for future generations?

When I first came to this congregation I said a ministry takes two to tango. Now I am updating my interpretation of ministry. It takes three to tango, because a minister, the congregation, and the Holy Spirit, in the unity of the trinity, need to do the ministry together. The certainty in this equation is the work of the Holy Spirit and wherever that path leads us, we will do it in the name of God for the people of God. God will be with us along the way. So are we ready to take that leap of faith and do things boldly for the goodness of God this year?

If you are ready, let us do the ministries of God for the people of God! Come talk to me about all the ideas that you have for Christ in Paramus. I am all ears! We will explore this together as sisters and brothers in Christ.

God is Love

-1 John 4:16

Please Pray for These Loved Ones

Donna Archer, Megan Armstrong, Karen Bartholomew, Kathleen Bhargava, Maggie Brower, Lillian Cooper, Ron DePue, Rich Dugan, Nora Edwards, the Fernandez Family, Al Frielink, Krista Fuchs, Erin Geerlof, Mark Hallwell, Diane Hesse, Jae Hee Kim, Kent Klophaus, Nadine Kohn, Soon Hoi Koo, Dennis and Jennifer Kruk, Anna and Walter Kruk, Bill Kyritz, Rich Lindeberg, Renee Lomelino, Kaethe Lorch, Wilma Lundgren, Marie Lupinski, Dennis Marinkovich, Dorothy Mulroe, Emma and Richard Murphy, Amy Nywening, Lionel Ortega, Shepard Palance, Karen Richardson, Doris Robinson, Cathy and Roger Schramm, Evelyn Schramm, Yorg Schultheis, Michael Siekmann, Nancy Sweet, Marge Tomaselli, Jaime Battaglia van Dam, Jennifer Viehmeyer, June Ward, Irma Weishaupt, Louis Wernick, Robert Wiederschall, Elenor Witte, Paul Witte and Claire Zimmerman

And those serving in the military...

Bryant Rodriguez Cyriax, Greg Flintall, Daniel Jaichner, Devin Vega and Rachel Zarnke

And those who can't always be with us...

Al Frielink, Grete Potts and Irma Weishaupt

If you would like someone to be added to or removed from the prayer lists, please contact the Church Office at 201-262-0138.



January

Lay Assistant | Usher
Altar Guild
Schedule

Concert in the Church

We will be hosting a concert featuring Charles Gray, Baritone, Christa Dalmazio, Soprano, and our organist, Michael Wittenburg. The program will feature Operatic and Art Song repertoire from Baroque to the Modern period of music. Selections from Mozart, Rossini,

Donizetti, Strauss and many others will appear on the program. A wine reception will be held after. There is a suggested donation of \$10 with all proceeds going to the church. We hope to see you there!

Looking for Love

Though not a fan of making New Year's resolutions, Jen Kramer decided to add meaning to 2018 by declaring it #theyearoflove. Each day she wrote a "love note" to a different person, expressing gratitude and offering encouragement. Recipients ranged from waiters and custodians to relatives and a terminally ill friend.

The experiment may have stemmed from the sudden, unexpected death of Kramer's father while she was away at college. "Why don't we say those things

to people while they're here?" she tells the Chicago Tribune. "It's easy to be kind, and it's easy to tell people how you feel."

Kramer's campaign didn't cost a cent, yet it changed her life and touched hundreds of people in the process. Wherever she went, she discovered that "love showed up." It's simple, Kramer says: "You just have to look."

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FEBRUARY 2

10:30am

Lay Assistant Bill Jaichner
Usher Anne Carman
Altar Guild Gina Lally

FEBRUARY 9

10:30am

Lay Assistant Carrie Ralston
Usher Linda Polise
Altar Guild Marge Tomaselli

FEBRUARY 16

10:30am

Lay Assistant Chris Nilsen
Usher Linda Comery
Altar Guild Linda Polise

FEBRUARY 23

10:30am

Lay Assistant Bob Denicola
Usher Anne Carman
Altar Guild Lore Braun

FEBRUARY 26

Ash Wednesday

8:00pm

Lay Assistant Pat Berinato
Usher Ralph Braun
Altar Guild Lore Braun

The greatest of these



IS LOVE. 1 Corinthians 13:13

FEBRUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>(CH) Church (FH) Fellowship Hall (FR) Family Room (OB) Office Building (PA) Parsonage</p>		<p>Upcoming Events</p> <p>Soup and Prayers March 5, 12, 19, 26 April 2</p> <p>Palm Sunday April 5</p> <p>Easter April 12</p>	1	2	3	<p>1</p> <p>Crafty Ladies Group (OB) 10:00am</p> <p>Concert in the Church (CH) 4:00pm</p>
	<p>2</p> <p>Groundhog Day</p> <p>Sunday School Class (OB) 9:30am</p> <p>Worship Service (CH) 10:30am</p> <p>Korean Cong. Worship (CH) 1:00pm</p>	3	4	5	6	7
<p>9</p> <p>Worship Service (CH) 10:30am</p> <p>Korean Cong. Worship (CH) 1:00pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Lectionary Bible Study (OB) 11:00am</p> 	11	12	13	<p>14</p> <p>Valentine's Day</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>Crafty Ladies Group (OB) 10:00am</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Sunday School Class (OB) 9:30am</p> <p>Worship Service (CH) 10:30am</p> <p>Council Meeting (OB) 12:00pm</p> <p>Korean Cong. Worship (CH) 1:00pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Presidents' Day</p> <p>Church Office closed</p> 	18	19	20	21	22
<p>23</p> <p>Transfiguration of Our Lord</p> <p>Worship Service (CH) 10:30am</p> <p>Korean Cong. Worship (CH) 1:00pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Lectionary Bible Study (OB) 11:00am</p>	<p>25</p>  <p>Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper (FH) 6:00pm</p>	<p>26</p>  <p>Ash Wednesday</p> <p>Service of Ashes (CH) 12:00pm</p> <p>Service of Communion with Ashes (CH) 8:00pm</p>	27	28	<p>29</p> <p>Leap Day</p>