



the SHEPHERD'S Staff

The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd Newsletter



A SEASON OF PREPARATION AND TRANSITION

from the Interim Pastor

As reported by our council president, Dale Wenger (please see his article below), *The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd* is poised to take some significant 'next steps' to call a new pastor. The Call Committee has worked very hard with thoughtful preparation, discernment, and prayer. In addition, the Church Council has also been engaged in the process and is very encouraged. If all goes as anticipated by LCGS leadership, a new pastor could be in place by the first of the year. These are exciting times in the life of Good Shepherd. However, the 'call process' is not complete until the 'call' is extended to the pastoral candidate and accepted...and there is more to be done. So, I would encourage you, my brothers and sisters, to continue to pray for the Call Committee, Church Council, and the People of God at Good Shepherd for God's will to be done. Remember, the Lord goes before you and He has nothing but His very best for you in the days ahead, as you keep your eyes fixed on Jesus!

Looking ahead, there are many opportunities for worship, fellowship, Bible study, and getting involved in our faith community. As I've stated frequently in the past, I would highly recommend you to plug into one of our many small groups. Not only for the children and youth, but particularly for the adults there are wonderful opportunities to grow in faith and gain resources to face life issues. These opportunities are listed on Sunday morning in the bulletin and on the kiosk (located in the narthex). Also, when you get a chance, check out our *new library*, and while you're there, even better, check out some books. Honestly, I've been around many church libraries and this is one of the very best I've seen. Remember, we are all life-long students/disciples of Jesus. You will be blessed and be a blessing to others! Other church-wide events are as follows:

✠ **All Saints' Worship Service**—LCGS will host a joint worship celebration among the Harford Conference ELCA congregations. There will be combined choirs, brass, timpani and the opportunity to share in great fellowship. This will happen on *Tuesday, November 1st, 7pm*. Please come and invite a friend. Refreshments will follow.

✠ **Annual Congregational Meeting**—*followed by an Advent Festival* (for the whole family). The date for this is *Sunday, November 20th, after the late service*.

✠ **Thanksgiving Eve Service**—We will gather on *Wednesday, November 23rd, 7pm*. And of course, afterwards there will be a time to share in tasting some of the best pies on the East Coast!

✠ Finally, believe it or not, the **First Sunday in Advent is November 27th**. The name Advent comes from the Latin words, *advenire* (to come to) & *adventus* (an arrival), and refers to Christ's coming into this world. It is that period of the year which the Church sets aside to prepare for the celebration of the feast of Christmas, the anniversary of the birth and coming of Jesus Christ. The focus of Advent is not limited to just Christ's first



MARK YOUR CALENDARS ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 20, 2011
following the 11am service
IN THE SANCTUARY

**All members should
plan to attend**



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coming, but also places an emphasis on the Second Coming of Christ, when He comes again as Lord of Lord and King of Kings! Advent gives all of us a wonderful occasion to pause and spend time in prayer to consider the 'reason for the season'. Please take care and may the Peace of Christ fill your hearts and lives this special time in our life together!



Pastor Cary

A NEW PASTOR

The following is the basic text of the Information I provided to the congregation on Sunday October 16th during the normal sermon time. I am publishing it for the benefit of those who were not present that Sunday.

Dale Wenger, Council President

Good morning,

I wanted this time to review with you the status of the call committee, the call process, some basic timelines you can expect, and some preparation that all of us can do to enable a smooth transition to a new pastor.

First let me start by explaining the purpose of an interim pastor.

When a pastor leaves a congregation the members go through some normal reactions that can affect the introduction of a new pastor. We can grieve at the loss of the old pastor – emotional ties to someone who helped us through sickness and distress can be strong. We can be angry, feel lost, or feel adrift when a pastor who has been in place for many years leaves.

The purpose of an interim is to smooth the transition and provide the congregation time to heal, to engage in self reflection, to take account of their mission and begin to focus on new beginnings and new opportunities. Pastor Cary has done an excellent job of caring for us, ministering to us, and giving us time to focus on the future instead of dwelling on the past. I seldom encounter members these days who are looking backward, it seems that everyone is focused on the future and the current state of the congregation is calm and anticipatory.

Many people want to know the status of the call committee and what is happening regarding getting a new pastor. Let me explain briefly the work of the call committee. They take stock of our congregation and prepare a profile of our congregation about our needs, strengths, weaknesses, objectives, and goals. This is more difficult than you might imagine and it requires a great deal of corporate soul searching and discernment. This profile is then submitted to the synod and is used to match potential candidates to our profile.

The synod provides candidates for consideration by the call committee and the call committee screens the candidates; first by evaluating their pastoral profiles and then by a series of interviews. This process is repeated until the appropriate candidate is found. The candidate is then interviewed in more depth and the committee will attend a service where the candidate presides and preaches. They again try to discern the suitability of the candidate for our congregation.

When they are satisfied that they have found an excellent match for us they vote to present that candidate to the church council. Council will then meet with the candidate engage in a little discernment of their own and vote whether to present the candidate to the congregation. Once council votes to present the candidate to the congregation, a letter of call will be negotiated between LCGS and the candidate specifying duties of the pastor and financial agreements. This letter of call is reviewed and approved by the bishop.

When council votes to present the candidate to the congregation a congregational meeting will be called with a service preceding it. The candidate will lead the service and preach. After the service the candidate will retire to a distant part of the church and a congregational meeting will be held. The only

order of business allowed is the calling of the candidate as our pastor.

Once the congregation votes to call the candidate the letter of call is signed by the candidate, the bishop's office, and council executives. At that point we have called a new pastor and all that is left is to execute any required move and the pastor begins on a specified start date.

The call committee has worked very hard to accomplish their tasks and on behalf of the congregation I thank them wholeheartedly. They are: Adam Steel (chair), Sarah Jacobs, Evelyn Spratt, Sandy Richter, Rhonda Messick, Jeff Blackwell, and Tim Vezzetti (who left the committee when he moved to Delaware).

I am pleased to tell you that the call committee has voted to present a candidate to council. They will share detailed information about the candidate at our normal council meeting in two days. After that we will arrange for the candidate to meet the council face to face. The call committee is very enthusiastic about this candidate.

I feel like it's Advent because now is the time we as a congregation can prepare ourselves for a new pastor.

I think it is safe to say that Pastor Cary was nothing like any of our previous pastors, however his perspective and faith was refreshing and moving for us spiritually. The new pastor will undoubtedly be just as different and just as valuable to us as a spiritual leader. The new pastor will be different, will bring us to new places in mission and growth, and will challenge our comfort level in many ways.

I urge you to be open and positive in your approach to the new pastor. It is not useful to compare them to previous pastors or to want them to lead us in ways that match a preconceived notion of what they should do. Allow the Lord to speak to us, renew us, rejuvenate us, and embolden us in new ways through the fresh start we will have with a new pastor. Be open to all of the possibilities that will come with the new pastor.

After the pastor arrives we will hold small group sessions of one sort or another so you can get to know the pastor personally. We will begin to intentionally provide a means to develop the pastor/congregation bond. The effective development of the pastor/congregation bond in the first one to two years is critical to the long term success of the pastor and congregation.

We will seek to establish an effective mutual ministry committee that is useful to both the pastor and the congregation.

Now for a timeline:

I expect that council will meet the candidate face to face in early November.

A congregational meeting can be held by late November or early December.

The pastor then would have to be relocated to Bel Air and could begin right around the first of the year.

I don't know that much about the candidate but I think I should share a few things with you now.

The candidate is from Minnesota.

The candidate is very enthusiastic about evangelism and mission.

These are two areas that I think most would agree where we could use some strong leadership.

Lastly, the candidate is a woman.

This will be a change for us, but I am excited that it can be a healthy and invigorating change.

We will keep you up to date as we progress, and as they say "it's not over until it's over". Many details still need to be addressed, but for now please pray for our candidate and our congregation.



Our Church Family

We mourn the loss of Geary 'Bud' Scheeler

Please keep in your prayers the family of Geary B. "Bud" Scheeler, 86, who passed away on October 13. The service was held at Good Shepherd on Monday, October 17 followed interment at Bel Air Memorial Gardens, Bel Air.

Bud was the husband of Ethel L. (Winterstein) Scheeler; the father of Geary B. Scheeler Jr. (married to Jeanne), and Debra A. Morgan (married to Glenn Morgan); the grandfather of Kelcy A. Morgan, Geary B. Springham and Brian M. Billings; and the brother of Shirley Volpe.

Memorials & Special Gifts

MUSIC FUND

In memory of Margaret Frances and Marie Sima from:

Betty Smith

KITCHEN FUND

In memory of Erma Frieders from:

Dick & Sandy Depkin

MOVEABLE FEAST

A special gift from:

Dawn Baker

ways to SERVE



from the FLOWER COMMITTEE

Open Flower Dates: Have a Special Occasion that you want to honor? Sign up for your "Special Date" asap! Just pick your date and sign up on the Flower Chart which is on the counter by the windows in the Narthex.

THE 2012 CHARTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!!

Open Dates:

November 13th one arrangement

December 4th and 11th one arrangement each

When you sign the chart, be sure to take an envelope, located on the display. Complete the information on the envelope and either put it in the offering plate or send it to the office along with the payment, \$40.00 per arrangement. The flowers need to be paid for prior to the week they are on the altar. Please be sure you indicate on the Flower Chart if you will remove the arrangement or if you want the Flower Committee to deliver it a hospitalized or "home bound" member.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Karol Ashbrook, Flower Chairperson.



MOVABLE FEAST: DELIVERING NUTRITION THAT SAVES LIVES

Most People Who "Die from AIDS" Don't Die from AIDS... They Die of Starvation

As AIDS wages war on a person's immune system, they're often caught in a vicious cycle of physical weakness and poor appetite that prevents them from fixing their own meals. A recent study estimates that as many as 80% of AIDS patients die from malnutrition. And malnutrition not only affects the individuals diagnosed with AIDS. It also affects their families - their dependent children.

Since 1989, it has been the mission of **Moveable Feast** to deliver food to thousands of people affected by AIDS who would otherwise have none. More than 521,000 meals and 37,000 nutritional supplements are delivered to 700 families affected by AIDS in one year. In 2005, Moveable Feast teamed up with Red Devils. **Red Devils** is an organization that provides support to breast cancer patients and their families. Moveable Feast provides meals for these families in need.

Why not count on Meals on Wheels, a local food pantry or frozen dinners from the grocery store? The new drug therapies for AIDS patients are very complex. Medications can mix adversely with certain foods. Moveable Feast employs a full-time Registered Dietician to coordinate menus and to provide nutritional counseling.

Moveable Feast has a kitchen complex in Baltimore City. They prepare and deliver meals to Baltimore City and fourteen counties (including Harford County.) *Meals for a Week* helps clients who are unable to return to work and cannot shop for themselves. Each person receives a bag of groceries and five frozen entrees delivered to their home.

The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd has financially supported Moveable Feast over the past fifteen years. Moveable Feast was the Communion Rail offering during October. For the past five years, we've had to opportunity to be more active with Moveable Feast. On Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day, volunteers from LCGS have delivered Moveable Feast meals to Harford County individuals and families.

Watch the Sunday bulletin and the E-Pistle in November for more details on this year's deliveries!

Volunteer drivers needed for Thanksgiving Day! Thursday is the regular delivery day for the weekly meals program with Moveable Feast. They've asked LCGS to help make deliveries in Harford County on Thanksgiving morning so that these families may receive their weekly food supply. We need at least 6 drivers to volunteer to meet at LCGS at **10 AM** on Thanksgiving morning, November 24th. The deliveries in Harford County should take no more than an hour. This would be a great opportunity for families to serve together. If you would like to help, please contact Andrea Hooper.

Interested in more information? Check out Moveable Feast's website at www.mfeast.org.

*Andrea Hooper
Servanthood Committee*

FALL SERVANTHOOD EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Please check your closets for unwanted/good condition used coats and sweat-shirts (all ages/sizes) and drop them in the box located in the Narthex. Coats collected by our congregation during the month of October will be distributed to needy folks who attend the Sharing Table on our November 5th serve date.

The kick-off of our annual Christmas Basket Project is also right around the corner. This year LCGS will help 100+ individuals (families/singles/ARC) have a better Christmas. We are asking members of the congregation to prayerfully consider sponsoring one of more of these individuals/families. Each recipient/family will receive three gift items and a food basket; details when you sign up. As we will have a shorter timeframe for gift collection than in previous years, we are trying to take reservations from groups who will be sponsoring early. If you are a member of a group at church who would like to sponsor and know now how many individuals you would like, please contact Sue Quinn by November 1st. We will receive the names in mid-November.

We are also looking for a few folks to take on some of the smaller leadership roles for several parts of the Christmas Basket project. Please call Karen Hilton if you would be willing to help in with any of the below:

- Person/team to take coordinate putting up and decorating the Christmas Tree in the Narthex on Friday November 25th. Also tree take down after Christmas holiday.
- Person to take charge of placing and picking up the perishable food order at Shoprite (pickup must be made on Friday Dec 16th during day so is available early Friday eve.)
- Person to take charge of moving gifts brought to church into locked closet (as needed) after each of the Worship Services Sundays, from November 27-Dec 11
- Person to work as tag table volunteer coordinator (to schedule volunteers to fill time slots before and after each worship service from Nov 27-Dec 11)



BELOW IS THE CHRISTMAS BASKET TIME-TABLE. MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

Friday Nov. 25: *morning*-- canned good pre-sort: all ages and families welcome

November 27: *be an angel choose a name*

Friday Dec. 16: *early evening*-- basket sorting: youth-seniors welcome

Friday Dec 16: *late evening* – help to load food/gifts into cars for recipients choosing pick-up: strong bodied individuals

Saturday Dec. 17: *9-12 noon*-- basket delivery drivers needed for any recipient choosing delivery

This year we will be collecting food, soap, shampoo, and laundry detergent for the families; baskets for your donations will be located in the Narthex throughout the months of November and December. As you see buy one/get one coupons, consider donating the extra to the project!

The Christmas Basket/Harvest food collection project is very rewarding – we draw volunteers from all groups within the congregation, and by sharing our gifts with others less fortunate, are able to truly embrace the meaning of Thanksgiving. We hope that you will join in!

- Karen Hilton



LOVE in ACTION Calendar

NOVEMBER

- 1st 7:00 pm Servanthood Committee Meeting
- 2nd Daytimers serve at the day shelter at New Hope UMC, Edgewood
- 5th Sharing Table
- 24th Deliver for the Moveable Feast
- 30th Daytimers serve at the day shelter at New Hope UMC, Edgewood

DECEMBER

- 6th 7:00 pm Servanthood Committee Meeting
- 7th Daytimers serve at the day shelter at New Hope UMC, Edgewood

(See the above article titled “Fall Servanthood Events & Opportunities” for the Christmas Basket project time-table)



Support is available for you in your time of grief. Let the GriefShare support group help to lift that shadow. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside the bereaved through one of life's most difficult experiences. It offers a place of support and healing for those experiencing grief, whether new or old.

Each session is "self-contained," so participants do not have to attend in sequence, you can join the group at anytime. The GriefShare program will be offered again in the Spring. To register as a participant now or for the Spring, contact the church office at 410-838-8081 or Sallie Gartside.

Topics covered on the DVD are as follows, each session is followed up with discussion and sharing sessions. You can share your grief or offer your support to others in their time of grief.

- Nov. 2 Session 9-God's Prescription for Grief
- Nov. 9 Session 10-Stuck in Grief
- Nov. 16 Session 11-Twenty Lessons of Grief, Pt. 1
- Nov. 23 Session 12-Twenty Lessons of Grief, Pt. 2
- Nov. 30 Session 13-Heaven



The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd - STEPHEN MINISTRY

You are lost and lonely, you have recently separated from your spouse, you are suffering a loss of a loved one, you are undergoing financial hardship or you have reached a spiritual crisis in your life. The Stephen Ministry Team is there for you. To obtain a caregiver or for more information on becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact Sallie Gartside or the church office.

Leader

Sallie J. Gartside

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

November is the month of thanksgiving. The chill is in the air, the leaves are turning into bright colors, and the frost is on the pumpkin. Our thoughts happily turn to plans for gathering at friends or families' homes where we will celebrate the season with huge mounds of turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie. Oh, those groaning tables, and, oh, those over-stuffed tummies! We pause collectively as a nation to thank God for our many blessings: our privilege to live in a country of such freedom and relative prosperity; our gratitude to our troops, both at home and abroad, for safeguarding those freedoms; and, most importantly, our humble thanks to a gracious and generous God for showering us with such abundance. Good Shepherd has a Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, Nov. 23rd at 7pm. I urge you to join our faith community for this service of prayer and thanks. And, yes, there will be that famous pie social afterwards.

So--yes, Thanksgiving is a truly great holiday! There is, however, another meaning of the term "The Great Thanksgiving." You've seen these words in our church bulletin every Sunday. They begin the service of Holy Communion section of our worship service. The text reads:

- L- "The Lord be with you." C- "And also with you."
- L- "Lift up your hearts." C- "We lift them to the Lord."
- L- "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God."
- C- "It is right to give our thanks and praise."

These very ancient words have been spoken by Christians since the first century, and they always begin our Eucharist (Greek-"thanksgiving")-service of Holy Communion. We are instructed in the rubrics ("red words" of our liturgy) that before the Lord's Supper is shared, the presiding minister leads us into thanksgiving. With the whole creation, we join with the angels' song. ("Holy, holy, holy") Every Sunday in our corporate worship, we are given the opportunity to give thanks to God for His greatest gift to us: his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. According to "Sundays and Seasons," our Lutheran worship planner, "Christians are to live lives of constant thanksgiving. Our thankfulness should be so transparent, so frequent, so full-bodied, that the whole world would perceive Christians as ones who give thanks with a grateful heart for all the Lord has done." (p. 298-Year A2011) I thought that these words were good thoughts for this season of thanksgiving. Actually, they are good thoughts for any Sunday or any day of our church year.

✝ **Tuesday, Nov. 1st-7pm - Harford County Lutheran Churches - All Saints Day service at Good Shepherd.** Pastor John Burk, Dean of Conference, presiding. Festival choir, brass, and timpani.

✝ **Saturday, Nov. 5th-7pm - Maryland State Boychoir concert at Good Shepherd.** Classic and contemporary favorites. Invite a friend and support a talented group!

- Debby Woods



MANDATORY NOVEMBER MEETING REQUIRED FOR YOUTH WHO WISH TO TRAVEL TO GERMANY WITH 2012 GERMAN EXCHANGE

The German-American Youth eXchange (GAX) is traveling to Germany in July, 2012!

The German-American Youth eXchange has been described as a "life-changing experience," and the GAX Team would like to share that experience with as many youth as possible.

There will be a mandatory meeting for all youth interested in traveling to Germany in 2012. This meeting is mandatory for youth and their parent(s) and will be Sunday, Nov. 13 immediately after the late service in the Celebration Hall, with lunch. There will be a repeat meeting Monday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. in Room 200 for those who are interested and cannot make the Sunday date. You only need to attend ONE meeting to be considered eligible for travel to Germany. No new information will be shared at the Monday meeting.

Youth who are eligible have completed at least the 8th grade and no more than one year of college, and are between 13 and 19 years old by July 1, 2012. At least one parent must be a member of LCGS. Scholarships are available based on need; please do not let cost hold you back. Previous Host Family experience with GAX is not required, although a commitment to serve as a Host Family in 2013 is preferred, but again, not required.

At this introductory meeting, we will discuss the potential cost (less than you may think), commitment to prep meetings, expectations of youth during the trip, outline of a potential itinerary, and a Q & A session with previous chaperones and youth participants. Attending the meeting does not indicate a commitment, only an interest; commitment will be required in late January with

a financial commitment at that time. However, only those who attend the meeting will be placed on the list for consideration to travel to Germany. Those interested youth who have not traveled to Germany with GAX previously are given first consideration, and we do have a limit on the number of youth who may participate.

Please reserve your spot at the meeting so we can plan for lunch. Reservations for the meeting can be placed on the sign-up sheet in the narthex, or directed to Judi Webster. Please understand that content will be discussed at the meeting only, so all participants get the same information.

Oktoberfest



- photo by Walt Polley



PRESCHOOL TO HOST OPEN HOUSE

Good Shepherd Lutheran Preschool will host an Open House Wednesday, Nov. 9 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The preschool is scheduling tours and providing information for the coming 2012-2013 school year. Registration for currently enrolled students, church members, and returning siblings will take place Dec. 5 at 9:15 a.m. For all others, registration will be Jan. 9, 2012 at 9:15 a.m. An application fee of \$125 will be required at registration.

The preschool will celebrate its 35th anniversary of preschool Christian education in 2012! Founded in 1977, Good Shepherd Lutheran Preschool (formerly Good Shepherd Cooperative Nursery School) is a parent cooperative school where parents take an active role in their child's growth and development in school. The preschool offers a five-day program for four-year-olds, and three-day program for three-year-olds, geared toward preparing children for the rigors of full-day kindergarten. These programs are offered in addition to the traditional, cooperative, three-day program for four-year-olds and two-day program for three-year-olds.

If you have any questions or would like more information about Good Shepherd Lutheran Preschool, please contact Director Abbygail Bruns at (410) 838-8457.

staying **CONNECTED**

SEE THE GRAND CANYON, AND MUCH MORE!

Don't miss this opportunity! There are seats still available for the great Diamond Motor Coach Tour to the magnificent Grand Canyon. Stops along the way include the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, the Eisenhower Presidential Library, the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Lake Mead and Hoover Dam, the Valley of Fire, the Route 66 Museum, and the Mojave Museum of History and Arts. Stops on the return include the Petrified Forest National Park, the Will Rogers Museum, and the Indiana State Museum. The 13 day, 12 night trip (Mon-Sat) will be on May 14-26, 2012. For information call Shirley Ernst.



LOST SHEEP

So they were scattered because there was no shepherd, and when they were scattered they became food for all the wild animals. My sheep wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. They were scattered over the whole earth, and no one searched or looked for them. Ezekiel 34:5-6

It is interesting is that God does not criticize the sheep for wandering off. Sheep are doing what sheep do. The problem is stated with clarity in Ezekiel 34:6 "and no one search or looked for them." Is there someone you miss from church, if so, please contact the Inactive

Members Team (Warren Hillstrom, Marge Slater, Doris Mellor and Sallie Gartside) at the church office, 410-838-8081 or call Sallie. We will look for that person.

BROWN BAG BOOK CLUB

We are now planning our 2012 reading list. Have you read a book that our book club might enjoy? Is there a book you always wanted to read? We are looking for suggestions from anyone. We enjoy all types of books: non-fiction or fiction, Christian or mainstream. Please email your recommendations to Linda Ruese. Please consider joining our discussions the third Sunday of each month after the 11:00 service. Sign-ups are in the narthex. We are usually able to obtain the books from the public library.



Here is our current schedule:

November 20, after the congregational meeting, about 1:30 PM--
continue our discussion on *The Pastor* by Eugene Peterson

December--no meeting

January 15, after the 11:00 service, about 12:30 PM--
Keeping Faith by Jodi Picoult

- Linda Ruese

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY

After the Lord appointed the seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit..... Whenever you go into a town where they make you feel welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick and say, "The Kingdom of God is near you".
Luke 10:1, 8-9

In keeping with Biblical premise of praying in two's, the Healing Prayer Ministry is offering you the opportunity for individual prayer by our prayer teams on the 1st Sunday of each month at 8 am, and the 2nd and 5th Sundays at 11 am. After you partake of communion, please feel free to come to the back of the sanctuary for prayers for yourself or others. You may stand or kneel as you feel comfortable.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

Come fill the empty chair we have for you! We have evening men's, evening women's, daytime men's and women's, Peacemaker Ministries, and special topic Bible study small groups.

The Evening Men's group meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month from 7 to 9 p.m. in Room 208. The group is discussing *Disappointment with God* by Philip Yancey.

There are two Evening Women's groups. Both meet the first and third Mondays of the month from 7 to 9 p.m., with Group 1 in Room 204 and Group 2 in Room 208. Group 1 is discussing *What Good is God* by Philip Yancey. Contact Maureen Stark to join. Group 2 is discussing "Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Costly Grace." Contact Linda Ruese to join.

The Daytime group meets the first and third Thursdays of month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Music Room. This group is discussing *Finding God in Unexpected Places* by Philip Yancey. Contact Doris Mellor to join.

DAY♥TIMERS

The Daytimers luncheon/meeting for November will be held on the 8th at 11:00 a.m. in the Celebration Hall. We will be joined by Fred and Janet Beam, who live in Pennsylvania, and for many years were missionaries in Africa. They will be sharing many of their experiences they encountered serving those in need and spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Come and join us and bring a friend!! Please bring food for the Sharing Table and household needs for The Welcome One Shelter, so that we may give to those less fortunate...

Sign up ASAP for our trip to the Rainbow Dinner/theater Nov. 15 for the comedy program "Home for the Holidays".

- Lowell Repp



The WOMEN of the ELCA will meet on Tuesday, November 2nd at 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. A program entitled LANGUAGE MATTERS-- What did Katie do for you?, will be presented by Karen Nordman. All women are invited to come. Following this we will go out to lunch.



MOM2MOM

Please join us for our next meeting on **Friday, Nov. 11th from 9:30 AM -11 AM** in the Music Room.

Upcoming events include:

Friday, Dec. 2th, 9:30-11am - Morning Meeting

Friday, Dec. 2th, 6-8pm - FAMILY FRIDAY NIGHT, military and Harford Family House service project.

Mom2Mom is a Christian support network for mothers of children under the age of 6. Childcare will be provided in the Narthex. Please bring a sippy cup for your child and a \$5. donation is requested per family. Interested or have additional questions about our group, please contact the church office.

Mom2Mom's October Family Friday Night event. Families enjoyed an evening of pizza, pumpkin decorating and games!





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Your gift is like a leaf added to make a dining room table bigger. Every gift you make creates room on *both* sides of the table. You've helped us make room for seminarians hungry to learn how to best serve in our Lord's Church. Across the table you've opened up space for partners in that in-depth learning process—professors, pastors, mentors, peers...*and you!* Thank you for your support. We are so grateful for your partnership in leading, teaching, serving and growing with us in Christ's name! We hear your voice joined with ours every time we pray,

"Be present at our tables, Lord. Be here and everywhere adored!"

*With gratitude
and thanks for
your support of LTSG.
Kathleen*

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kathleen O. Reed'.

Rev. Kathleen O. Reed, LTSG '80
Chief Advancement Officer

*It's been a year since
I presided at LC of the GS.
but I have warm, vivid memories
of welcome! Glad we're at a
common table!*

SYNOD BISHOP WOLFGANG HERZ-LANE TO VISIT OUR HARFORD CONFERENCE OF ELCA CHURCHES TUESDAY, NOV. 8

Delaware-Maryland Synod Bishop Wolfgang Herz-Lane's visits to synod conferences continue. Bishop Herz-Lane will visit our Harford Conference Tuesday, Nov. 8.

The bishop and assistants will meet with pastors and lay rostered lay leaders, and stop at several congregations and social ministry sites. The visits are modeled on the parish visitations that Martin Luther and Philip Melanchthon undertook in 1527-1528 to new evangelical parishes.

SAVE THE DATE: 'THE FORGIVENESS PROJECT' COMING TO LCGS SATURDAY, JAN. 21 FOR MEMBERS AND THE COMMUNITY

Save the date! Our Congregation Council has approved a seminar called "The Forgiveness Project," sponsored by our Peacemaker Ministries, Stephen Ministry, and Ministry of Healing and Wholeness Teams on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Celebration Hall. The seminar is for church members and the public. There is no charge.

Dr. Mike Barry will speak on the role forgiveness plays in our health and in particular, his experiences with cancer patients and The Cancer Treatment Center of America in Philadelphia. Watch for more information coming soon.

SEPT 2011 TREASURER'S REPORT

	This Month, 2011	Year-to-date, 2011	This Month, 2010	Year-to-date, 2010
Income	41,732.61	368,432.10	35,187.83	395,715.71
Expenses	(40,460.10)	(415,146.65)	(40,893.89)	(389,830.03)
Income-Expenses	1,272.51	(46,714.55)	(5,706.06)	5,885.68

DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN--LIVE THE VISION

	This Month, 2011	Year-to-date, 2011
Beginning Balance 1/1/11		4,157.00
Inflows	2,488.00	17,795.00
Outflows	(2,027.00)	(20,859.00)
Balance at end of month		1,093.00

September additional payments to principal	\$2,027.00
Campaign-to-date additional payments to principal	\$27,284.00
Mortgage Balance	\$253,612.06
Projected pay-off date	Nov-18

Questions or comments?

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NOBEL PEACE PRIZE AWARDED TO LUTHERAN PEACE ACTIVIST

Leymah Roberta Gbowee, a Lutheran Liberian peace activist, has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. The announcement came Oct. 7 from Oslo, Norway. Gbowee, a member of the Lutheran Church in Liberia, is responsible for organizing a non-violent women's movement that brought an end to a 14-year civil war in Liberia.

Gbowee was awarded a scholarship from the International Leadership Development Program of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) in 2006-2007 to support her study in peace building at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Va.

The ELCA and the Lutheran Church in Liberia are members of The Lutheran World Federation, a global communion of 140 member churches in 79 countries, representing more than 70 million Christians worldwide.

The Liberian women's movement led to the ousting of ex-President Charles Taylor and to the election of Ellen Johnson Sirleaf as president of Liberia -- the first African nation with a female president. President Sirleaf also has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Gbowee decided it was time to stop the war and called together women of all faiths -- Christian, Muslim, indigenous and others -- from across Liberia to "step out," recognizing that Liberian women can play a critical role in peace building.

But Gbowee does not take full credit for initiating and organizing the women's peace movement. "There were other women who came before us, emboldening us to take a stand," she said. "And we didn't just start from nothing."

Gbowee's story is chronicled in the documentary *Pray the Devil Back to Hell*. She has just completed her memoir, *Mighty Be Our Powers: How Sisterhood, Prayer, and Sex Changed a Nation at War*.

For more information about the Lutheran Church in Liberia, visit www.ELCA.org/liberia. - *Melissa Ramirez Cooper, ELCA News Service*