

# *The Voice of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd*

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*Open Minds ... Open Hearts ... Open Hands*  
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## **Message from the Pastor**

Last month at Good Shepherd we celebrated the Affirmation of Baptism of six young adults. What is commonly called 'Confirmation' was actually something they did for the most part. The young people, who had received several years of instruction, stood before the assembled congregation and professed their faith as well as their promise to continue to live in an active way that nurtures and holds true to that faith. When they made those promises, they were responded to the promises God made to them in their Holy Baptism. To be with them and guide them and forgive them of their sins and to try to help them be the light of Christ in the world.

That, my friends, is what I think is most important in this whole process and event that we call confirmation. That they be the light of Christ in the world.

There is an old joke I heard once where one pastor said to another; 'I had bats in the bell tower of the church but I figured out how to get rid of them'. 'How'd you do that?', said the second pastor. 'I confirmed them! Never saw them again!'

Ha Ha

I share that with you, in part, because I know from firsthand experience that it's often true.

But my hope is, if that happens, that what they learned in church and their life experiences will bring them back to worship but to also actually live the faith in which we baptize.

In my sermon that day, on Pentecost Sunday, I said that I pray the young people we confirmed will try to live their lives as Jesus did.

Loving and caring for others. Going to the outcasts and the shunned of the world. Reaching out to those labeled as 'others' by regular society or people filled with hate.

In a recent visit with an elderly person, when I spoke of Confirmation they reiterated what I have heard before from many of that generation. That, in their day, the pastor made them memorize and recite a bible verse for their Affirmation of Baptism. So I said to him what I said in my message that Sunday - 'What good did that do?' What possible benefit to Jesus or the world or around them, or them for that matter, was requiring a verse memorization?

I recall one person telling me once they picked the verse that said "*and Jesus wept*" because it was so short and simple and easy to remember.

Case closed.

So what I hope and pray for those confirmands, and for all the rest of us, is that we come to worship regularly for sure. But more importantly, that everything we learn in church, during our wonder years as well as into our 'golden years', helps us to be the light of Christ.

To do as Jesus did and spread the Gospel of God's love and salvation in word, yes, but even more so in deed.

And if you recall,... the last thing we say in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism is....

*"Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works glorify your Father in heaven".*

(Matthew 5:16)

Amen

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*Please remember in your prayers the following people whom we've noted in our Sunday bulletin each week at worship for prayer concerns. If you have anyone you would like to add to this list, please contact the pastor by phoning the church office or via email [pastorpeteh@verizon.net](mailto:pastorpeteh@verizon.net)*

Pat Gagnon, Bud McKnight, Vivian Sislian, Melanie Vara, Michelle VanDerwalker, Lilian DiPiazza, Lisa Rossi, Kaylin D'Elia, Megan More, Pamela Ketchum, Sal Suppa, Bob Fulmer, Rich Van Doren, Matthew Fisher, Christian Kraus, Bob Stetz, Eliana Brengel, Dick & Sue Alberti and Cole Alberti, Bunny Kuhl, George Groh, Kevin & Danny McCord, Marian Williamson, Rev. Howard Weidemoyer, James Kelly



MIAE PARK PRESENTS 10TH CONCERT FOR CHARITY  
by Gil Vatter



In what has now become a ten year tradition at Good Shepherd Church, Minister of Music Miae Park presented the tenth in a series of spring concerts designed to offer an afternoon of classical music designed to provide money for a worthy charity. More than \$13,000 has been sent to a wide variety of charities, from "Wells for Africa" to "Doctors Without Borders" as a result of the concerts. The Sunday afternoon, June 2 event featured the music of three outstanding young musicians, all from the New York/New Jersey area, Ethan Jeon, piano, a junior at New York's Yorktown High School, Austin Lee, viola/violin, a junior at the Delbarton School in New Jersey and David Kim, cello, a junior at Freehold High School. Members of Good Shepherd have enjoyed David Kim's musical talent on many occasions as he played the worship service prelude or postlude or accompanied the choir.

The beneficiary of the free will offering taken after the 2019 concert was the Arc of Monmouth County, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing services and support to more than 1,600 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in all parts of Monmouth County. The mission of the Arc of

Monmouth is to improve the lives of persons with I/DD through programs offering employment, vocational and educational services, adult training, community living programs, behavioral health care, social services and lots of enriching recreational activities throughout the year. Ms. Jan Connolly, the Director of Development for the Arc of Monmouth was in attendance at the concert.

The eclectic menu of music for the day included selections from Johann Sebastian Bach to Sergei Prokofiev, the seventeenth century to the twentieth century and was tailor made for the talents of the three young men. If you have never attended one of the spring charity concerts, you have missed a chance to soak up an afternoon of wonderful, well played, classical music and this year's concert must be ranked among the more outstanding of the ten year cycle. It was such a pleasure to listen to music played by youngsters, talented beyond their years, all with lots of concert experience and all recipients of an abundance of musical awards.

The afternoon began with violist Austin Lee's slow, deliberate rendition of the "Sonata in G major BWV 1007: *prelude*" by J. S. Bach (1685 - 1750). This unaccompanied sonata by the best of the German string masters allowed Mr. Lee to offer the full range of sound from his instrument and was a fitting introduction to the afternoon's program. Mr. Lee followed the Bach with the more musical "Arpeggione Sonata in A minor, D821: *allegro moderato*" by Franz Schubert ((1797 - 1828). The "arpeggione" is a bowed guitar-like instrument which enjoyed a short lived popularity in the early years of the nineteenth century. Adapted for the viola, the Schubert Sonata, accompanied by piano, enabled Mr. Lee to display all the facets of his instrument as well as his instrumental dexterity.

The impressive work of pianist Ethan Jeon on the "Grand Sonata No.2, Op. 22: *So rasch wie moglich*" by Robert Schumann (1810 - 1856) was a reminder that we were hearing something special from the keyboard. The "Grand Sonata" is well known and often performed because of the variety of its parts and the highly virtuosic demands on those who tackle it. Mr. Jeon did very well with his interpretation of the Schumann masterpiece showing his ability to cleanly handle the challenging "as fast as possible" instructions. It was also a kind of introduction to the grander, more epic "Sonata No. 3 in A minor, Op. 28" by Sergei Prokofiev (1891 - 1953), which opened with a blasting chord and then moved into a toccata-like melody, which repeats itself in every part of the keyboard. The Prokofiev was one of the more contemporary selections of the day but

Mr. Jeon 's steady, crisp interpretation showed his mastery of the piano and his understanding of the Russian composer.

The third artist of the afternoon was David Kim who chose to offer the "Concerto in E minor, Op. 85: *adagio & Lento*" by Sir Edward Elgar (1858 - 1934), another more modern composer, The Elgar was marked by Mr. Kim's wonderful deep, resonating cello sounds, which are now a hallmark of his playing. Accompanied by his mother, Ms. Park, he presented a slow, sonorous, at ease interpretation of the lovely, contemplative Concerto, Sir Edwards final major work. We have remarked before about Mr. Kim's growth as a musician and his understanding of the cello genre. His "Concerto in E" was well done and captivated the audience from beginning to end.

The three musicians, with Austin Lee now playing the violin, joined together to play the "Piano Trio in D major, Op. 70 No. 1: *allegro vivace e con brio*" by Ludwig van Beethoven (1770 - 1827) a more traditional, classical Beethoven work. The lovely, flowing melody allowed all three musicians to contribute to the strong, energetic sound of the rather unusual sounding movements. For the finale, the trio presented the "Piano Trio No. 2 in C minor, Op. 66: *allegro energico con fuoco*" by Felix Mendelssohn (1809 - 1847), a business like performance of the 1845 Trio by all three players. Several times during the afternoon, I had to remind myself that the beautiful music was being offered by three teenagers, not by a trio from Lincoln Center. This was among the best concerts of the series and the audience showed their appreciation with a standing ovation which prompted a beautiful encore based on the melody from the traditional hymn, "Amazing Grace". Many thanks to Miae Park for her work in producing not only this concert but also the previous nine, all of which have added to the musical tradition at Good Shepherd Church. .

A reception followed the concert with refreshments served in the narthex of the church.

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**COG June Project Results –** Rikki Gracia

On June 8th, Good Shepard Lutheran Church provided 20 local families in need of extra help with an estimated \$489.00, this breaks down as follows:

- 202 rolls of toilet paper
- 20 dish detergents
- 28 laundry detergents
- 51 tubes of toothpaste
- 41 large boxes of tissue
- 20 boxes of plastic food wrap
- 20 bottles of liquid bathroom or kitchen cleaner
- 20 bottles of shampoo
- 60 bars of soap
- 8 packages of feminine hygiene products

Thanks to our wonderful congregation for adding these extra items to their shopping carts.

Our next fundraiser will be to help local families with children get ready for the new school year by contribution money for gift cards that will help fill backpacks and provide some basic clothing items. This fundraiser will begin requesting donations next week.

We are working on posters now to place at church.

Thank you.

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**AROUND THE PARISH**

by Gil Vatter

*And crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea.*

**GOOD SHEPHERD - THE FRIENDLY CHURCH**

1. Happy anniversary to *Anne (Rajala) and Scott Medling* - July 5.
2. *Rachel (Mathisen) Fink* will be 30 ( not possible ! ). Happy birthday, Rachel.

Did you hear about the death of Chef Boyardee?  
He pasta way.

3. Thanks and a tip of the Good Shepherd derby to *Miae Park* for the wonderful 10th anniversary spring charity concert on Sunday June 2. It was delightful.
4. *Bud McKnight* continues to slowly improve.

MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU !

5. *Diane and Andy Mathisen* attended the annual alumni reunion at Wagner College.

6. A big THANK YOU to the Bell Choir, who presented their rendition of "For the Beauty of the Earth" on Pentecost Sunday, June 9 : *Stephanie Dall, Deb Hutchinson, Diane Mathisen, Andy Mathisen, Trudy Miller, Charlie Miller, Karen Rajala and Holly Wilgus.*

There was a young lady named Rose,  
Who had a large wart on her nose,  
When she had it removed.  
Her appearance improved,  
But her glasses fell down to her toes.

7. *Pastor Pete* used a traffic cone to illustrate his June 9 sermon, "No Barriers Deterred Jesus' Ministry".

8. The Choir provided the Blessing to the congregation on Pentecost Sunday, June 9 with Peter Lutkin's "The Lord Bless You and Keep You".

Parallel lines have so much in common. Too bad they'll never meet.

9. Hearty congratulations to the newest adult members of Good Shepherd, who affirmed their baptism on Pentecost, June 9 : *Isabella Antonacci, Patrick Devine, Lolby Howard, Katey Howard, Bella Miller and Timothy Wilgus.* The congregation welcomes you.

10. Thanks and a tip of the Good Shepherd stetson to *Pastor Pete* for faithfully sending out his weekly sermons to the congregation by e-mail.

My balanced diet consists of a cupcake in each hand.

11. *Summer Howard* is sporting a bandaged pinkie after getting nailed while playing catcher on her baseball team.

12. *Deb and Pastor Pete* visited the Pennsylvania 9/11 Memorial after visiting their three Pittsburgh grandkids.

I told my wife that she drew her eyebrows too high.  
She seemed surprised.

13. *Rikki Gracia* delivered 21 bags of personal and household goods to the COG Evening Pantry in June. Thanks to everyone in the congregation who participated.

14. I hope you were in church on Sunday June 23 to hear the beautiful cello music provided by the Kim brothers, David and Matthew. The Offertory was, "Here I Am, Lord" and the Postlude was, "Shout to the Lord". The third Kim brother, Jon, just finished his first year of Dental School.

I've gotten so good at sleeping, I can do it with my eyes closed.

15. *Pastor Pete* celebrated the twentieth anniversary of his ordination on Sunday June 23.

16. *Herb Kuhl* was in the hospital for a procedure in late June but was able to come to church on June 30 and he looked great.

Fed Ex will merge with UPS to become FED UP  
3M will merge with Goodyear to become MMM Good

17. *Diane and Andy Mathisen* will sing in the Patriotic Extravaganza at Tower Hill Church on June 30 and at the cathedral in Ocean Grove in July.

18. *The Hutchinsons* will travel to South Korea later in July to visit grandchild number five. Former Pastor *Jack Elstad* will fill in during Pastor Pete's absence.

### **SEE YOU IN CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY**

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### **Council Meeting June 17, 2019 - 6:30PM**

Attendees: John Dall, Stephanie Dall, John Crump, Clem Hergenhan, Pastor Pete, Garry Westerweller

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER - John Dall

Devotions - Pastor Pete - from Tattoos on the Heart, Gregory Boyle. The suffering of the poor is shame and disgrace and a sense of isolation. The story of Lula (a man named Louis) seeking to just be recognized as a person shows how this is. For us, we believe God sees that need and helps us see that we matter.

Approve previous meeting minutes. Approve treasurer's report. Also Stephanie reports that Holmdel Tax Assessor Annual Request for Income and Expense Data was completed and submitted via website on 06/15/19

#### **REPORTS**

Pastor - continued visits to shut ins. Confirmation Sunday was great as was Miae's concert. Attended synod assembly with Andy and have a breakdown of assembly info. Many churches are struggling to stay alive and thus their contributions to synod have shrunk like ours. Somewhat disappointed at the format of the convention; they moved workshops to thurs and business to fri so missed some of the workshops. Away in mid July to South Korea to visit new grandson so will be gone Sunday July 21 with Pastor Jack filling in. Got thank you from "Love thy Neighbor for our \$250" donation. Mike carp asked if we could sponsor Good Shepherd name on Crop Walk tee shirt again (council immediately approved the \$75 to do so). Sue Alberti told me she has continued to send out cards from Good Shepherd and has done about 10 in the last month.

Social Ministry - Gil Vatter - YTD Through May - \$7,400.

Property - John Dall - inspector passed the school which required carbon monoxide detectors and new batteries in the emergency EXIT lights.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- DONE - Energy audit progress - old audit path is at a deadend. Doreen will explore a way to restart, would like to include Frank Hall. We give up, they never call back.
- Bid on boiler frank hall heat and hot water; will meet with one HVAC person after meeting and Clem will seek a second bid. Clem to check constitution to see what needs to be done to approve expenditure.
- German School has verbally ok'd new contract, GS copy signed at meeting and will be sent to the German School for their signature.
- Stephanie adding Shirley Jackson's name to the Vine in narthex.
- DONE - July and August council meetings will be held only if needed and then via phone.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- None

MEETING ADJOURNED with Lord's Prayer at 7:06. Happy summer from John Dall.



**A FEW NOTES FROM THE CHOIR**

by Gil Vatter

*Lord, use our voices. Lord, use our hands. Lord, use our lives. We are an offering.*

**Choir's Offering Anthems**

- 45. June 2 - "Many Gifts, One Spirit" - Mary Lightfoot
- 46. June 9 - "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit" - Arr. William L. Dawson
- 47. June 9 - "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" - Peter C. Lutkin

**Miae Park's Postlude Offerings**

- June 2 - "The Lively Trumpet" - L. Smith
- June 9 - "Trumpet Tune" - Gordon Young
- June 16 - "Processional" - Alfred Fedak
- June 23 - "Shout to the Lord" - Arr. Christopher Phillips  
Matthew Kim, cello; David Kim, cello
- June 30 - "Mennet Gothique" - L. Boelmann

- Because of Miae Park's 10th Annual Spring Charity Concert, Good Shepherd Church was able to send a check for \$1,360 to the Arc of Monmouth County. Thanks to all who contributed to this very worthy cause.

- The choir thanks our director, Miae Park, for hosting her annual dinner (and rehearsal) on June 6, ending the choir season and for her leadership and patience during the past season. The choir presented 47 anthems during the 2018 - 2019 season as its musical offering.

- Thanks to Matthew Kim and David Kim for playing the Offertory and the Postlude on June 23.

- The choir congratulates the Bell Choir and thanks them for their presentation at the June 9 service.



- "To be is to do"-Socrates
- "To do is to be"-Jean-Paul Sartre
- "Do be do be do"-Frank Sinatra
- "Scooby dooby do"-Scooby-Doo
- "Ooby Dooby"-Roy Orbison
- "To be or not to be"-Hamlet
- "Do be a Do Bee"-Miss Francis (Romper Room)

Like the Burma Shave road signs,  
you have to watch for each one.