

The Voice of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

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Open Minds ... Open Hearts ... Open Hands
June 2025

PASTOR PAT'S PONDERINGS:

In June, we celebrate the last of the seven Sundays of Easter and then begin the celebration of the Pentecost season. The church year represents the life of Christ. My hope is that every time we experience another church year, we become more Christ-like as his disciples! We have four weeks of Advent, representing the prophecies of Christ's coming, Mary's pregnancy, and our hope of Christ's return when he comes again at the end of time. We have the twelve days of Christmas, celebrating his birth and then the Epiphany season during which we discover even more about who this Christ really is! Ash Wednesday brings us into the 40 days of Lent, ending with Holy Week which begins with the "Hosannahs" of Palm Sunday, and concludes with the Last Supper of Maundy Thursday and our Lord's crucifixion on Good Friday. Easter comes with its shocking, joyous news that Christ has been raised! The seven weeks of Easter help us absorb the events of his resurrection appearances and the meaning of eternal life and end with the celebration of his Ascension, always on a Thursday. We look forward to joining him there and seeing his face! On the 50th day after Easter, we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, a celebration of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, and then enter into the Pentecost season. As one of our Council members recently very astutely observed, it is such a LONG season! And of course, that probably is because it represents the over 2,000 years of the church's life since the Holy Spirit was poured out upon us! You may feel that it is like going around in circles, doing this over and over again, but I like to compare it to adding rings on the strong tree trunk of our faith.

Growing up, I do not remember our pastors preaching about the Holy Spirit very much. As Lutherans, when we think about the Holy Trinity, we focus very gratefully upon Christ Jesus and Jesus as Lord, and because he became a human and lived among us, that is pretty easy to picture and to understand. We know that God, whom Jesus called "Father," is our Creator. The Holy Spirit, however, is a little more complicated. First of all, the Holy Spirit is described as always being on the move. John the Baptist sees the Holy Spirit come upon Jesus like a descending dove. The work of the Holy Spirit is sanctification, the spread of the holiness of peace. Jesus tells Nicodemus that coming to faith is like being "born from above." He says the Holy Spirit is like the wind. You hear the sound of it, but you cannot know where it is going! The Holy Spirit has tremendous power. We all know what a strong wind can do! The Holy Spirit stirs up, troubles and inspires prophets and evangelists. Jesus describes the Spirit to the Samaritan woman at the well as a living water that becomes a fountain within us. John's Gospel describes Jesus' gift of the Spirit as a breath of resurrection life that he breathes upon them to give them peace and commission them for their work of outreach, as they announce the forgiveness of sin that Christ's death and resurrection has made possible. The Holy Spirit endows the disciples with spiritual gifts and the power to cross barriers and create understanding. It gives peace and spreads forgiveness. It reminds the disciples of Jesus' teachings and keeps them united with Christ. In some ways, the Holy Spirit is the "glue" of the Holy Trinity and is the source of unity for the church. In this "long" green Pentecost season, which we call "regular" time, we try to figure out how the Holy Spirit is at work within us, helping us to be a faithful and productive church. If there is a subject that would help you in your discipleship, please let me know what it is, and I will try to find a Sunday to address it in my preaching!

I'm always eager to serve you. You can reach me by calling or texting my cell phone: 732-822-0711 or by email at PatMedley@aol.com. I am available for counseling and pastoral care and I also gladly make hospital and home visits.

Much Love in the Lord,
Pastor Pat Medley

The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd welcomes and fully includes all people regardless of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender identity, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, or economic condition.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL has concluded for the year. We will meet again in September.

Father's Day Dedications

You may make a donation in any amount to celebrate a special man in your life to **The Samaritan Fund** to help members in need or to **The Memorial Fund**. Checks should be made to Good Shepherd with the fund indicated on the by-line. Donations may be made on our website: www.goodshepherdholmdel.org through Tithely for this purpose by clicking on the GIVE button.

Your dedication message will appear in the bulletin on Father's Day. June 15th: In honor of, in memory of, or in celebration of (for example). The following is the information for the bulletin I will need by June 12th. You may give at your convenience.

Donor's Name	/ Dedication Message	/ Preferred Fund
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WORSHIP WITH US IN JUNE:

Please join us for Worship every Sunday at 10 AM. If you are not able to attend, please invite me to bring you Holy Communion at home. Please bring a relative, friend, co-worker, or neighbor. Be bold and invite a stranger! All are welcome! WE LOVE GUESTS!

June 1st, The Seventh Sunday of Easter:

It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.

June 8th, Pentecost Sunday:

On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world. Today we also celebrate Father's Day and the ministry of all our men. For our Children's Message, we invite you to come ready to read John 3:16 in a language other than English. Let's experience how the Spirit has spread God's Good News in diverse tongues to people world-wide.

June 15th, Holy Trinity Sunday (Also, Father's Day!):

"O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the grace One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God's love and hope to our neighbors.

June 22nd, The Second Sunday after Pentecost:

This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

June 29th, The Third Sunday after Pentecost:

We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus' call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.

IF YOU CANNOT BE PRESENT AT WORSHIP:

Our Services are live-streamed on our YouTube channel @patriciamedley4915 and a button to the recordings is on our website: GoodShepherdHolmdel.org. The viewing link is also emailed soon after each service. We only record the portion of the Service up until the Holy Communion, as it seems impolite to feast on Holy Communion when the viewers cannot join us. Thanks to all who share our emails with the links with family, friends, coworkers, neighbors, or post them on social media!

COFFEE HOUR: We have delicious snacks and wonderful fellowship after worship each Sunday. Donations are always enjoyed! Items you bring for Coffee Hour needing refrigeration can be placed in the refrigerator/freezer in the mini kitchen by the sacristy to avoid confusion with the preschool.

FELLOWSHIP: We have wonderful cooks and we love to eat together! Our June Fellowship event will be a Sunday Brunch on Pentecost Sunday, June 8th after worship. If you would like to bring food to share for that event, please let Pastor Pat know. And, Sandy Mickens is planning a Beach Party at the public beach in Seabright, beginning at 4:30 PM on Friday, June 20th. Park in the parking lot next to the fire house, pack dinner, consider what you can bring and share. And we can also order pizzas. Bring your own beach blanket or beach chair. Dress for the weather—and use sunscreen. The rain date will be Friday, June 27th. Please let Pastor know if you plan to attend by emailing her at PatMedley@aol.com or texting her cell phone at 732-822-0711, so that if the weather seems iffy, we can notify you about whether or not we will switch to the rain date. If it is pouring and we are having a thunder and lightening storm, you can assume we'll move it to the later date.

BIBLE STUDY/LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES: We have been offering classes on Zoom, or in person, to assist people to prepare for baptism or membership. If you would like such a class, please let Pastor Pat know. We will schedule Bible study classes again in the fall. Is there a Bible book or topic you would like to study? Please let Pastor Pat know.

CHURCH COUNCIL: We have a wonderful, very engaged Church Council at Good Shepherd and I am continually thankful for the contributions of these talented leaders. Our Council includes Jessica Voto-Pellegrino, President; Michael Kohlhaas, Vice President; Pam Keyl, Secretary; Doreen Hoffmann, Financial Secretary; Michael DiPiazza; Rikki Gracia, (Social Ministry); and Rob Pellegrino, who shares a seat with Jessica. Clem Hergenhan has completed his Council term, but continues to serve as our Treasurer. We do have openings for those who might wish to serve. Our 2025 spending plan does not yet include a monthly payment toward the cost of the replacement of the heating and air conditioning in Frank Hall and the classrooms, as well as making our building more energy efficient by replacing lighting with LED bulbs. We hope to know more about that very soon. We are caring both for our facilities and also for God's good creation! Our next meeting will be held on Monday, June 9th at 7:30 PM. Our meetings are open and we invite you to join us, share suggestions, offer help, get better informed, or just listen in. You are totally welcome. The NEW link to join our Council Meetings is here: Please save it! Join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83950827925?pwd=CNKNEe0wpbp6aNUxJJpWiEd7PP6FEU.1>
Meeting ID: 839 5082 7925 Passcode: 797818

“BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN, FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED.”

Grief is so painful and death brings unwanted, difficult separations into our lives. Our Bereavement Support Group will meet at church at 10:30 AM on Thursday, June 19th. No matter who it was and no matter how long ago your loss occurred, all are welcome to join us. If you have questions, call or text Pastor Pat at 732-822-0711.

YOUR BLOOD DONATION CAN BE LIFE-GIVING TO THREE PEOPLE:

Call 1-800-933-2566 or go to nybc.org to schedule your blood donation with the NY Blood Center. Join Pastor Pat in giving blood every 56 days, or as often as you can, if you are able.

FREE FISHING IN NJ:

On Saturday, June 7th anyone in New Jersey may fish on public NJ waters without a license or trout stamp. Other regulations remain in effect about permitted catches. Residents under 16 or over 70 do not need a license or trout stamp. That day is also the “Hooked on Fishing – Not on Drugs” program’s Youth Fishing Challenge. Recreation departments in Howell, Matawan, Neptune, and West Long Branch are sponsoring challenges at public fishing sites in their localities in the first part of the day.

LUNCH BREAK ANNUAL COMMUNITY PICNIC:

Saturday, August 16th, 9 AM to 2:30 PM at Count Basie Park, 11 Henry Street, Red Bank, NJ 07701. Free BBQ, Health & Social Services, Softball tournament, video game truck, bounce houses and & fun bus, book giveaway, and a backpack distribution from 10 to 1 PM. Child must be present to receive the backpack. For more information, contact Gina Vastola at gvastola@lunchbreak.org, or Mille Jeter at mjeter@lunchbreak.org.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION ABOUT SENIOR SERVICES:

On Friday, June 27th from 10:30 AM to 12 p.m. at the Long Branch Senior Center, 85 Second Avenue, Long Branch, NJ 07740, the Monmouth County Senior Advisory Council will be holding a Listening Session to discuss successfully aging in place for residents of Eatontown, Little Silver, Long Branch, Monmouth Beach, Oceanport, Shrewsbury, Tinton Falls and West Long Branch. If you live in one of those towns and want them to hear from you, please preregister by Friday, June 13th by contacting Sheila Chapman at 732-431-7450 or emailing Sheila.Chapman@co.monmouth.nj.us. County resources will be available and lunch provided.

Thy Will . . . My Will

Careful advance planning avoids many future problems. Have you remembered The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Holmdel, NJ, in your will?

Sample bequest statement: “I give, devise, and bequeath ___ % or \$ ___ of my estate to The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 112 Middletown Road, Holmdel, NJ 07733”
and then choose one: to be used for its unrestricted general purposes or
to be used for the following specific purpose: _____.”

THE BISHOP’S CHALLENGE: CARE OF GOD’S GOOD CREATION:

We hope that you are trying some Meatless Mondays—or any day you choose. Here is a recipe that your pastor saved and loves to make and enjoy! **Josephine's Caponata (Eggplant Appetizer)**

Amanda Biddle’s grandmother's recipe. (Don’t remember where I found it!)

Recipe makes 2 quarts caponata and is easily halved. Prep Time: 20 minutes.

Cook Time: 30 minutes. Total Time: 50 minutes. Servings: 32 servings (1/4 cup)

Calories: 61kcal

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 2-1/2 pounds eggplant , unpeeled and cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 large onion, quartered and thinly sliced
- 2 stalks celery hearts (about 2/3 cup), thinly sliced
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 6 ounces tomato paste (small can)
- 1 cup basic tomato sauce or crushed tomatoes in puree (such as Hunt's or Pomi; not pasta sauce)
- 2 cups water
- 1 teaspoon granulated sugar
- 1-1/2 teaspoons kosher salt plus additional to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly-ground black pepper, plus additional to taste
- 1 cup pitted large green olives, halved*
- 3 tablespoons capers, drained

- 1/4 to 1/3 cup golden raisins (depending on how sweet you like your caponata)
- 1/3 cup toasted pignoli nuts (2 oz package)
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar

Instructions

1. Heat 1/4 cup oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium high heat until shimmering. Cook the eggplant cubes until they're tender, but don't lose their shape, about 8-10 minutes, gently stirring frequently.** Transfer cooked eggplant to a bowl and set aside.
2. Heat remaining 1/4 cup oil. Sauté onions and celery until softened, about 10 minutes.
3. Stir in garlic and tomato paste and cook for 1-2 minutes. Add tomato sauce or crushed tomatoes/puree, water, sugar, salt, and pepper to the skillet and stir to combine. Lower heat and simmer for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat and gently stir in eggplant, olives, capers, raisins, toasted pignoli nuts, and vinegar.
4. Cool, then transfer to an airtight container and refrigerate at least overnight to develop the flavors. Let stand at room temperature for about an hour before serving. Caponata keeps well for about a week, covered tightly, in the refrigerator.
5. Serve at room temperature with slices of crusty bread or assorted crostini toasts.

Notes

*I like to use a mix of the large green and Kalamata olives from the antipasto bar at my local market.
 **The eggplant might soak up the oil and the pan might start to look dry; this is normal for this recipe. Resist the temptation to add additional oil so the assembled caponata doesn't taste greasy. Using a nonstick skillet will ensure that the eggplant cubes don't stick.

Nutrition Estimate

Calories: 61KCAL | Carbohydrates: 4G | Fat: 5G | Sodium: 208MG | Potassium: 141MG | Fiber: 1G | Sugar: 2G | Vitamin A: 145IU | Vitamin C: 2.5MG | Calcium: 9MG | Iron: 0.4MG

If you have a recipe you would like to share with us in a future edition of the Voice, send it to PatMedley@aol.com.

Having a special event? Let us know if you would like to hold it at Good Shepherd.

THE NEW JERSEY SYNOD ASSEMBLY will be held at the Hilton East Brunswick Hotel & Executive Meeting Center, 3 Tower Center Blvd., E. Brunswick, NJ on Thursday evening beginning with Worship at 6:30 PM, Friday and ending on Saturday at 12:30 PM, June 5th, 6th and 7th. The theme will be “Behold! I Make All Things New. Our voting members will be the pastor, Andy Mathisen and Sandy Mickens. Diane Mathisen will attend as a guest. We will be electing a new bishop. Please keep this in your prayers.

SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2025, 5 PM TO 10 PM, for a Dinner Dance Celebrating the Ministry of Bishop Tracie Bartholomew at the Hyatt Regency Princeton. Dinner and Cash Bar, Program and Lots of Dancing. Tickets will be \$50 each. More information at www.njsynod.org.

WE LOVE TO PRAY WITH AND FOR YOU: Please let Pastor Pat know if your prayers have been answered, need updating or to add to our list by emailing PatMedley@aol.com. We have been remembering many needs in our prayers:

We prayed for God’s blessing on creation. We prayed for peace, mercy, unity and justice here at home and in Pakistan, India, Afghanistan, Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Libya, Ethiopia, the Central African Republic, Sudan, Burma, Gaza, the Holy Land and Ukraine and areas affected by the Boko Haram insurgency. We prayed for refugees, immigrants and persons displaced because of persecution, war and disaster. We prayed for all people experiencing poverty and food insecurity, and for all struggling with debt and economic uncertainty. We asked God to reassure all who experience hopelessness or need care, especially political prisoners and any who are exploited, denied due process, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted, to strengthen those whose lives have been disrupted by disasters, especially recent floods, plane crashes, wildfires, tornadoes, earthquakes and gun violence. We asked God to bring joy to those yearning for a child. We prayed for fellow human beings

around the world dying from Ebola, malaria, TB, AIDS and hunger because of the end of US funding for PEPFAR and USAID. We asked God to care for those suffering with dementia, addiction, and all on our prayer list: Former President Joe Biden,
 Bob Robinson (requested by Pastor Pat)
 Baby Rowan (requested by Sandy Mickens)
 Rachel Fink (daughter of the Mathisens)
 Tianna Mickens
 Kaitlin Kropa (daughter of Pastor Ed Kropa, Hope, Freehold)
 Barbara Battipaglia (mourning her husband, Jack)
 Harold Brown (husband of Susan Martens-Brown)
 Francine Brogan (friend of Rikki Gracia)
 Sung Ok Hahm & Jukyung Kim (Miae Park's mother and father-in-law)
 Nancy DiPiazza (Mike's niece)
 Terry McCord (John's brother)
 Cindy Coakley (Kathe DaGiau-McCord's daughter)
 Sue McCabe (Kathe DaGiau-McCord's sister)
 Ed Lustenberg (friend of Garry Westerweller)
 Michelle VanDerwalker (Kathe DaGiau-McCord's daughter)
 Megan More (young daughter of Holly Wilgus' friend)
 Matthew Fisher (son of Kathe DaGiau-McCord's friend)
 Kevin McCord (John McCord's brother),
 Kathy Curran (Mike Carp's cousin)
 Lucy Bakalian (Anne Bakalian's mother)
 Mike Paul (friend of Pastor Pat)
 Dolores O'Brien (widow of Pastor Tom O'Brien)
 Pastor Jack Elstad
 Brian Stauffer (Pastor Pat's brother)
 Lauren Hyde (Pastor Pat's relative)
 Mandy (requested by the Divjack family)
 Barbara (requested by Taylor Fitzgerald)
 Pastor Dennis Ritter (college classmate of Pastor Pat)
 Amparo Mir (friend of Karen and Dave Rajala)
 Dolores Rajala (Dave's Mother)
 Dr. Karlfried Froehlich (Pastor Pat's Seminary Professor),
 Dawn Petr (Clem and Nancy Hergenhan's daughter)
 Charlotte Brodfuhrer (Kim Wehrli's friend Karen's Mom)
 Chuck Johnson (Clem and Nancy Hergenhan's friend)
 Michael Voto (Jessica Voto-Pellegrino's uncle and godfather)
 Cortney Brown (niece of Doreen & Glenn Hoffmann)
 Stephanie Liuzzo (Doreen & Glenn Hoffmann's daughter)
 Joey Livingston (Pastor Pat's seriously ill former parishioner)
 Bruce Solomon (cousin of Karen Rajala)
 Pastor Randall Steinman
 Nila and Ashok (In-laws of Michael Kohlhaas)
 Karola (Michael Kohlhaas' grandmother)
 Courtney (Pareen Kohlhaas' friend)
 Wayne (the Elstads' cousin)
 Mena Gendy & Frida de la Parra & their daughter Mia,
 Toni Tschampion (Michael DiPiazza's sister-in-law—had successful surgery on 5-27)
 Joshua and Loren Corsello (requested by Bob Sislian)
 Bob & Jennifer Sislian (requested by his father Bob Sislian)

Barbara Hemeleski (mother of Amy Palazzolo, NJ WELCA President), *Sonja Ongsiako, *Pam Baglieri, Bob & Vivian Sislian, *Bob Fulmer, *Ines Csulak, *Gil Vatter, *Jackson Pellegrino (who recently had another broken bone), *Lynne & *Garry Westerweller, *Phyllis Castello (hospitalized on 5-28), *Jennifer Bull, the McKnight family*, *Holly Wilgus, Ellen Muench* and those we name in our hearts. We prayed for all those we love, for our enemies and those we need to forgive, and finally for ourselves. We thanked God you the blessings showered upon us each week and for the strengthening of Emmett Mackin, a newborn who came home from the NICU. (requested by Diane Mathisen). We asked God's blessing upon the new Roman Catholic Pope, Pope Leo, and prayed for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as the NJ Synod, ELCA elects a new bishop. We praised God for the witness of the saints of all times and places, especially Jukyung Kim (Miae Park's father-in-law), Eleanor Hoffmann (Glenn's mother), Pope Francis, Wendell Smith, Frank Csulak, Bunny Kuhl, Lillian Di Piazza, Janice Kraus, Patty Vatter, Chris Dall, Jack Battipaglia, Sebastian Dall, Sonia Gracia, George Quintyne, Sarah Milgrim & Yaron Lischinsky (new Christians who were Israeli embassy staff, shot at the Capital Jewish Museum), and our own beloved dead.

YOUR OFFERINGS MAKE MISSION HAPPEN:

Would you like to receive offering envelopes??? These assist us in preparing a giving statement for your taxes. Join us in the joyful, grateful adventure of planning your charitable giving and setting a goal to strive for! It is possible to securely set up giving on our website: www.goodshepherdholmdel.org by clicking on the yellow "GIVE" button on the page. You can make a one time gift, or set up recurring gifts weekly, every two weeks, or every month from your credit card, bank or Apple Pay. Thanks a million to all who do this, or mail your offering, bring it to church, or place it in our locked mailbox in the parking lot. Good Shepherd always manages to offer ministry excellence, to care generously for others, to support our New Jersey Synod and the ELCA and many community agencies that care for those who are most in need. Did you know that Good Shepherd has an endowment fund? Did you know that our church can accept donations of stock? Here's good news: if you are 73 years of age or older and must withdraw a Required Minimum Distribution, you may be able to have the fund send a check for all or a portion of your RMD to Good Shepherd (or any charity) directly and it will not be taxable to you! Speak to Clem Hergenhan at clemhergenhan@gmail.com or 732-895-7555.

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AROUND THE PARISH

by Gil Vatter

As the month of June approaches each year, I am always reminded of an event that helped change the history of the world. I remember the excitement and, at the same time, the nagging worry when all the radio networks announced on June 6, 1944 that the largest armada ever assembled was bringing Allied armies across the English Channel to liberate occupied France. An equally large squadron of airplanes was providing cover and was bombing and strafing the Normandy shore. Our forces were approaching the continent. Now, they would attempt to recover what had been lost when the Axis had occupied all of western Europe. The radio newsmen told us that General Eisenhower's people had dubbed it "D-Day" and they said that it would be a date remembered in every future history book. They were right, of course. D-Day has become a part of the lore of all the countries that participated in this mighty effort to end the war.

At the time, the only pictures of the event seen back home were the photographs shot by military specialists and reproduced in our newspapers and magazines. The Army also provided the black and white movies shown as part of the newsreels at our local theaters. The vivid descriptions of the struggle provided 24/7 on our radios by skilled newsmen kept us on the edges of our seats and described the terrible scene for posterity. But, neither the radios, the newspapers or the newsreels truly reflected the actual experience of the brave men who took part in the invasion.

And, as history tells us, our troops prevailed on June 6 and carved out a foothold on the Normandy beaches of France. It was the beginning of the end of World War II and the Allied armies could not be stopped as they moved ever closer to victory. Now, 84 years later, we pause on June 6 to remember those who were wounded and the 4,400 soldiers who gave their lives that day. And we keep in our hearts those warriors who endured

the horrors through the early days of the invasion and moved east to end World War II in Europe the following year. We will continue to honor these heroes every June and celebrate their selfless contribution to our way of life.

In the springtime the flowers arrive
To nobody's total surprise.
New leaves on the trees,
Many more birds and bees
And the return of mosquitoes and flies.

1. Happy birthday to Diane Mathisen, Rachel Mathisen Fink, Jon Kim and Dr. Pam Miller Rose.
2. ALERT - Summer arrives on June 20th (summer solstice).

There was a house painter named Stew
And green was his favorite hue.
If ever you roam
And you see a green home
You will know that Stew's been there too.

3. We were notified of the passing of Jukyung Kim (Mia Park's father in law) and Eleanor Hoffman (Glenn Hoffman's mother). And God will wipe away all tears.
4. Happy wedding anniversary to Pat and Roy Medley (50th). Karen and Dave Rajala and Pam Miller Rose.

A pro baseball player named Tower
Could pitch 90 miles an hour.
But, along with his speed
He had one pressing need,
Make his aim as good as his power.

5. My personal thanks to Pastor Pat for bringing communion to my home.
6. The Bayshore Lunch Program Sponsors have sent over \$700 to the Keyport food kitchen. Thanks to all of you.

GOODBYE TO A COLD AND WET SPRING - HELLO SUMMER

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Community Outreach Group News

Just a reminder that I'll be dropping off the goods to the pantry on Friday, 6/6.
We could still use a few additional items.

- aluminum foil
- plastic wrap
- shampoo & conditioner
- laundry detergents
- household cleaning spray or liquid

I will be attending our next COG Board meeting on June 17th, and will share status updates then.

Thank you. Rikki Gracia