

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

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*Open Minds ... Open Hearts ... Open Hands*  
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## **PASTOR PAT'S PONDERINGS**

On October 26<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday and the contributions made by the reformer Rev. Dr. Martin Luther to our proud heritage. Luther's parents hoped that he would finish his education and become an attorney and support his parents in their old age. But Luther's conscience would not let him rest. He knew the Creed, and expected that when Christ returned to judge the living and the dead, he, being a sinner, would be "toast"! Luther knew that he was a sinner and could not be holy enough not to be judged. This made him angry at God. When he was nearly struck by lightning while riding his horse through a forest in a rainstorm, he was sure that God was aiming for him, and vowed to become a monk. It was not until he started reading the Bible that he discovered how amazing God's grace is. Most Germans had never read the New Testament, which only existed at that time in Greek and Latin. Translating the Bible into a "common" tongue, such as one used at work or in the kitchen was illegal and translators were burned at the stake, but Luther was highly educated. What he read in the Bible stunned him.

In our Bible Study group on Zoom, we are studying Paul's Letter to the Romans, which was one of the eye-opening, faith-restoring passages that freed Luther from his guilt, shame and fear. Paul writes: "But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified **by his grace as a gift**, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. ... **We hold that a person is justified by faith** apart from works prescribed by the law." (Romans 3:21-28)

The grace of God, given to us by Christ Jesus' death and resurrection, is a free gift, but it is not cheap, as Christ paid for it by giving his life. Therefore grace is a costly gift that shows us how much God treasures those who will put their trust in him.

Recently my husband did a wedding for a member of his congregation from an Indian family. Many of her family and friends are Hindus. As a part of the wedding sermon, he said that God is love and that God's grace shown to us shows us how to love. Marriage is one of the many ways that we pay forward the grace and forgiveness God has shown to us, which we do not deserve. When we mess up, we forgive one another. Loving and forgiving one another are hallmarks of Christian marriage. In the parking lot, a Hindu couple approached us and said how remarkable grace is. In the Hindu religion, they said, one must live up to expectations and keep on trying to get it right—karma gets you every time, they said.

I hope you will help us celebrate this special day at Good Shepherd. It is not a day to celebrate the separations in the church catholic. When Luther posted his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg and with the invention of Guttenberg's printing press, they were mailed all over the known world, asking for a scholarly discussion on the subject of indulgences, because he thought the pope might not know that forgiveness was being sold for cash in Germany, he was brought to trial, excommunicated and Pope Leo X put a price on his head. Luther did not break away from the Roman church to start his own. He was thrown out. When he died, he thought he was still a good Catholic, but he thought that his pope was not. Putting his trust

in the grace of Christ was the only saving thing to do. He was eager to translate all the scriptures into German and he did it while he was in hiding. Putting our trust in the grace of Christ is still the only saving thing to do and we are proud as Lutherans to say that this is the heart of our faith.

On Reformation Sunday, Holmdel will celebrate Heritage Day at Holmdel High School from 1-5 PM. I will be having a table there, to represent Germany and will be presenting our heritage proudly there and inviting people to our German Christmas Service. Want to join me? Let me know. People need to know about grace and such outreach can save souls.

**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** is growing! I meet with children, parents and grandparents at 9:15 AM. Join us for a Bible story, craft, snack and maybe even a song!

**YOU MAY DEDICATE ALTAR FLOWERS** for upcoming Sundays to the glory of God, or in honor, in memory or in celebration of someone special or an occasion. For a gift of \$30, we receive two lovely, long-lasting bouquets. You may take them with you after worship or leave them for us to deliver to someone who is shut-in, ill or hospitalized, or in need of encouragement. October 5<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> are already reserved. Most dates are available.

**WORSHIP WITH US IN OCTOBER:**

Please join us for Worship every Sunday at 10 AM. Please bring a relative, friend, co-worker, or neighbor. Be bold and invite a stranger! All are welcome! WE LOVE GUESTS!

**OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

A little faith goes a long way. A mustard seed's worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed here. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving. The Korean Church of NJ, who is our newest renter, will prepare a delicious luncheon of Korean foods and invite you to share receive their hospitality. Please bring nothing but your profound appreciation. We will have a thank you card that all can sign.

**OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

It's a miracle! Multiple miracles ! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

**OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed. This is CROP Walk Sunday and many of our members will be walking to fight world hunger at the Red Bank and Freehold CROP Hunger Walks.

**OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup>, REFORMATION SUNDAY**

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will celebrate All Saints Sunday. If you would like to have us remember someone in the prayers on that day who is a saint in God's nearer presence because of God's grace, please let Pastor Pat know. We are all saints!

**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 on the right in the mini kitchen by the sacristy to avoid confusion with the preschool and Korean Christian Church. We hope that some of the members of the Korean Christian Church will come early for their service and find a warm welcome at our Coffee Hours!

**OUTREACH SERVICES AT THE VILLAS AT HOLMDEL:**

Pastor Pat will be offering a morning weekday service of Holy Communion each month at the Villas at Holmdel, 200 Commons Way, Holmdel. This is a wonderful way to serve our neighbors. It is our hope that some of the residents there might decide to become a part of our worshiping community. If you would like to support her in doing this, let her know.

**NEW MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SEEKERS:** We have been offering classes on Zoom, or in person, to assist people to ask questions about becoming a disciple of Jesus, to prepare for baptism or membership. If you would like to meet to explore how to take a next step in your faith, please let Pastor Pat know at 732-822-0711.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** We will study the book of Romans. Pastor Pat has ordered the curriculum from Augsburg Fortress. The participant guide is a download available from her. The first class will be held on October 14 and 28 at 7:30 PM on Zoom. The link is here:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82124304337?pwd=McZizSkio0aItmHarsi6awtxUalrDd.1>

Meeting ID: 821 2430 4337

Passcode: 726758

**THE 45<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RED BANK CROP HUNGER WALK** will take place on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at Red Bank Regional High School, 101 Ridge Rd., Little Silver, NJ 07739, with registration at 1 PM and step off at 2 PM. 100% of the food and 25% of the funds raised support 14 local food pantries in Monmouth County and the remaining 75% of funds support the work of Church World Service in America and around the globe. Last year with about 300 walkers we raised \$120,000 and collected roughly 10,000 lbs. of food. This year, in recognition of our 45<sup>th</sup> year and the expanded needs of the community, our goal is to raise \$145,000 and collect 14,500 lbs. of food. Peanut butter, rice, beans, and soup are needed. Strollers are welcome, but dogs are not permitted on the school campus. There will be music, games, an art contest, the food drive, and refreshments. The five-mile route includes water stops. There is a tired walker van that can bring you back to the school parking lot. You can register on our team at [www.crophungerwalk.org/redbanknj](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/redbanknj). Then click on Start or Join a Team: Type in Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd – Holmdel. You can register yourself, make a gift, and begin to fundraise on social media. Pastor Pat will not be able to walk in the Red Bank CROP Walk this year, because she is the coordinator of the 50<sup>th</sup> Freehold CROP Hunger Walk, which will be happening the same day, at the same time. Members and friends of Good Shepherd may donate by sending a check to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and marking the byline: Red Bank CROP Walk or Freehold CROP Hunger Walk. If you want to know more, email Michael Carp at [michaelcarp@verizon.net](mailto:michaelcarp@verizon.net).

**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; 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 next meeting will be held on Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 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 link to join our Council Meetings is here: Please save it! Join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83950827925?pwd=CNKNEe0wbp6aNUxJJpWiEd7PP6FEU.1>  
Meeting ID: 839 5082 7925      Passcode: 797818

**FREE QUILTING CLASSES** will be offered by Pastor Pat's sister Robin Stauffer, who is an experienced quilter, at Good Shepherd for anyone who wants to learn., You do not need to own a sewing machine to learn to quilt. We need to know if there is interest and when would be the best time to offer the classes. Please let us know by return email to Pastor Pat at [PatMedley@aol.com](mailto:PatMedley@aol.com) if you are interested and if you can make a weekday morning class, a weekday afternoon class or a weekday evening class, or even all of the above. You do NOT need to be a member to participate.

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

Grief is so painful and death brings unwanted, difficult separations into our lives. Our next meeting will be at church at 10:30 AM on Thursday, October 16th. 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](http://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. There is a donation center in the Holmdel Towne Center, at 2111 NJ-35, Suite 285, Holmdel.

**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.

**Josephine's Caponata (Eggplant Appetizer)**

Amanda Biddle's grandmother's recipe for the classic Italian eggplant appetizer is a delicious addition to any antipasto platter. This caponata is both sweet and tangy with a rich tomato base and a hint of salty brine from capers and olives. Pastor Pat recently made it with eggplants grown in Roy's garden. Recipe makes 2 quarts caponata and is easily halved.

Course: Appetizer    Cuisine: Italian

Prep Time: 20 minutes    Cook Time: 30 minutes    Total Time: 50 minutes

Servings: 32 servings (1/4 cup)    Calories: 61kcal

Author: [Amanda Biddle](#)

**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.

#### **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 like to share with us in a future edition of the Voice, send it to [PatMedley@aol.com](mailto:PatMedley@aol.com).**

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

**WE LOVE TO PRAY WITH AND FOR YOU: We have been remembering many needs in our prayers:**

We prayed for God's blessing on creation. We prayed for those who lead and for peace, mercy, unity and justice here at home and in Pakistan, India, Afghanistan, Syria, Iraq, Iran, 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)

Rachel Fink (daughter of the Mathisens)

Kaitlin Kropa (daughter of Pastor Ed Kropa, Hope, Freehold)

Harold Brown (husband of Susan Martens-Brown)

Sung Ok Hahm (Mia Park's mother)

Nancy DiPiazza (Mike's niece)

Terry McCord (John's brother)

Ed Lustenberg (friend of Garry Westerweller)

Kathy Curran (Mike Carp's cousin)

Mike Paul (friend of Pastor Pat)

Dolores O'Brien (widow of Pastor Tom O'Brien)

Pastor Jack and Ruth and Marc Elstad

Brian Stauffer (Pastor Pat's brother)

Sue Smith

Lauren Hyde (Pastor Pat's relative)

Barbara Terry (Mother of Charles Reyes requested by him and Taylor Fitzgerald)

Dolores Keeler, stepmother of Lori Lashenick

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)

Michael Voto (Jessica Voto-Pellegrino's uncle and godfather)

Cortney Brown (niece of Doreen & Glenn Hoffmann)

Stephanie Liuzzo (Doreen & Glenn Hoffmann's daughter)

Bruce Solomon (cousin of Karen Rajala)

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,

Ginny Ettlemeyer

Joseph Barbosa (Alexa's brother)

Toni Tschampion (Michael DiPiazza's sister-in-law)

Joshua and Loren Corsello (requested by Bob Sislian)

Bob & Jennifer Sislian (requested by his father Bob Sislian), \*Sonja Ongsiako, \*Pam Baglieri,

Bob & Vivian Sislian, \*Bob Fulmer, \*Ines Csulak, \*Gil Vatter, \*Jackson Pellegrino, \*Lynne &

\*Garry Westerweller, \*Phyllis Castello, \*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, for the healing of Ellen Muench and Pastor Jack Elstad, who are now cancer-free. We praised God for the witness of the saints of all times and places, especially Lucy Bakalian, Jukyung Kim, Frank Csulak, Bunny Kuhl, Sonia Gracia, Eleanor Hoffmann, Sonja Ongsiako, and our own beloved dead. Pastor Pat offers anointing for healing after the intercessions each Sunday.



## **YOUR OFFERINGS MAKE MISSION HAPPEN:**

**We care for one another. Your gifts to Good Shepherd for the Samaritan Fund are making a huge difference. Thanks to those who have already generously contributed. You are the best! And a reminder: we do not text or email people individually asking for gift cards, Amazon and Best Buy purchases, and the like. These scammers frequently pretend to be Pastor Pat or our treasurer and say, "Don't call me, I'm in a meeting." Yes, call me and verify. This is NOT our way of supporting the needy.**

**WOULD YOU LIKE 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](http://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](mailto:clemhergenhan@gmail.com) or 732-895-7555.

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## **RED BANK CROP HUNGER WALK**

From Michael Carp

Will take place on October 19th. You can register at <http://www.crophungerwalk.org/redbanknj>, then click on Start or Join a Team and type into the search bar The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd - Holmdel. Then you can register on our team, and use the platform on social media to raise funds. We are also collecting shelf stable foods, especially soup, peanut butter, soup, rice and pet food. And if you want to make a cash contribution you can do so directly to Good Shepherd marked "Crop Walk". Please contact me with any questions [michaelcarp@verizon.net](mailto:michaelcarp@verizon.net) 201-787-9492

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## **AROUND THE PARISH**

by Gil Vatter

There are many celebrated homes in our country which are identified by a name given to them by their more famous owners. For example, George Washington's "Mount Vernon", Thomas Jefferson's "Monticello", William Randolph Hearst's "Hearst Castle", Theodore Roosevelt's "Sagamore Hill" and Frank Lloyd Wright's "Fallingwater". The not so famous do it too. How many times have you seen a sign like "Bide-A-Wee", "Three Oaks", "Green Meadows", "Brookside" or some other homespun name on a house or a summer cottage? Of course you remember Scarlett O'Hara's fictional home, "Tara" from the novel "Gone With the Wind". Lots of families have a pet name for where they live. Well, I have given it some thought and I have decided that I want my home to have a special name too.

Choosing an appropriate name took me less time than I expected. I wanted a short, descriptive, easily remembered moniker. A title that fits the place, without a ritzy or silly connotation. So, I made an executive decision. I will dub my house, "THE ZOO". Not a bad name at all. I doubt that we will see many duplicates. Who else is going to use a name like that to identify their property. I may consider modifying the name to "THE BALLANTINE ZOO". "THE MIDDLETOWN ZOO"; or "THE MONMOUTH ZOO". But, for now, "THE ZOO" describes exactly how I picture the place where I live.

Let me explain my reasons for making such an odd choice. Quite simply, almost every day of the year I see lots and lots of animals and a large variety of birds on my property. There are chipmunks, squirrels and rabbits running around in my backyard a good bit of the time. Robins, cardinals, blue jays, woodpeckers, an occasional hawk and hummingbirds in season are also constant visitors. There's a neighborhood herd of deer which roams the area, which makes it impossible to plant most flowers or keep seed in my "squirrel proof" bird feeder. And, in past years, I have seen groundhogs, foxes, some skunks, possums, raccoons and even wild turkeys paying a visit. I have yet to see any lions or tigers or bears (oh, my) but if a bear stopped by, it surely wouldn't be a complete surprise. There seem to be more bears in the Garden State every year.

So, there you have it. A zoo is defined as a location where you can view a collection of birds, animals and insects. Sounds just like a description of my place.

There was an old goblin named Andy  
Who kept a big burlap bag handy.  
On Trick or Treat night  
He was a most busy sprite  
Who came home with a bag full of candy.

1. Thanks and a tip of the Good Shepherd beret to Rikki Gracia for making the "Back-to-School" campaign such a success.

2. DON'T FORGET - The annual Red Bank CROP WALK takes place On October 19. Good Shepherd, as always, will participate. See Mike Carp for details.

A short order cook named Patton  
Owned a bistro in Midtown Manhattan  
It was just itsy-bitsy  
But, oh, very ritzy,  
The menus were written in Latin.

3. Happy birthday to Kirstin and Kurt (the Mathisen twins), Vivien Sislian and your faithful scribe (who turns 98 this month).

4. As always thanks so much to Pastor Pat for all that she does and to Miae Park for her weekly musical offering.

There was a young driver named Rule  
Who was averse to any fossil fuel.  
He preferred his two feet  
To move down the street  
But, he really had problems on hills.

5. DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR FLU SHOT THIS FALL.

6. Happy wedding anniversary to Rachel (Mathisen) and Mike Fink.

7. Thanks to all the Bayshore Lunch Program sponsors who have sent more than \$1,000 to the Keyport food kitchen. Are you a BLP sponsor?

***HAPPY HALLOWEEN***

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## Jackson and Elliot BFF's at Sunday School

