

Worship Servants:

Please arrive 15 minutes before worship to welcome folks and to prepare to assist. Changes should be emailed to office@sothnj.org

Sunday, September 16, 2018			
8:00 AM Servants		10:15 AM Servants	
Reader:	Martin Nielson	Reader:	Pat Kovacs
1 st Deacon:	Janet McCann	1 st Deacon:	Barbara Osborne
Usher:	Jon Ellingworth	2 nd Deacon:	John Seal
Food Cards:	Lynn Ernst	Usher:	Patrick Wood
Fellowship:		Media:	Diane Fitzpatrick
		CPIC:	Jane Lewandowski
		Food Cards:	
		Fellowship:	
Altar Team:	Lynn Ernst Deborah Lockwood	Counters:	Don Roberts Mike Osborne Rob Hardt
Sunday, September 23, 2018			
8:00 AM Servants		10:15 AM Servants	
Reader:	Barbara Robinson	Reader:	Wendy Whipple
1 st Deacon:	Solveig Schunk	1 st Deacon:	Bruce Whipple
Usher:	Jack Robinson	Usher:	Ken Biss
Food Cards:	Barbara Von Thun	Media:	Ken Biss
Fellowship:		CPIC:	
		Food Cards:	Pat Kovacs
		Fellowship:	
Altar Team:	Barbara Robinson Judi Wolff	Counters:	Diane Fitzpatrick Bill Lockwood Steve Lewandowski

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

Welcomes people in faith to Jesus. **Equips** us with the tools to make our faith work in the world. **Sends** us in service into the world.

Worship: Sundays at 8 AM, 10:15 AM & 6 PM September – May

Sundays at 9 AM & 6 PM June – August

Faith Formation: Sundays at 9 AM September - May

Communion Preparation: Fall & Spring

Confirmation: Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

Adult Education: Faith & Life - Alternating Tuesdays at 7 PM

Brown Bag Bible Study - Wednesdays at 12 PM

Choir Rehearsals: Sundays at 12 PM

Church Office: Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday, 10 AM – 2 PM

Pastor: The Reverend Kristina Reyes, pastor@sothnj.org

Pastoral Emergencies: 973-810-3330

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All are welcomed, equipped, and sent into the world to be the Good News of Christ Jesus.

Ministers: The Disciples of Shepherd of the Hills

Happening this Week:

Sunday, September 16	Gospel of Mr. Rogers: It's You I Like Blessing of Backpacks & Briefcases
	8 AM – Worship of Word & Sacrament 9 AM – Faith Formation! 10:15 AM – Worship of Word & Sacrament 11:30 AM – Fellowship 6 PM – Evening Worship Word & Sacrament
Mon. Sept 17	6:30 PM – Communion Preparation Class
Tues., Sept. 18	10 AM – Staff Meeting
Wed., Sept. 19	12 PM – Brown Bag Bible Study 6:30 PM- Confirmation!
Sunday, September 23	Gospel of Mr. Rogers: Slow Down! Reception of New Disciples
	8 AM – Worship of Word & Sacrament 9 AM – Faith Formation! 10:15 AM – Worship of Word & Sacrament 11:30 AM – Fellowship 6 PM – Evening Worship Word & Sacrament
Mon., Sept 24	5:00 PM – Oktoberfest Planning Meeting 6:30 PM -Communion Preparation Class 7:30 PM Church Council Meeting
Wed., Sept 26	12PM – Brown Bag Bible Study 6:30 PM – Confirmation
Thurs., Sept 27	7:00 PM – Nite Crafters
Fri., Sept. 28	2:00 PM – Wedding Wolff/Gockeler

In Our Prayers:

Alice Bornemann, Alice Busch, Jenny Cortese, Robert Edgett, Rosalie Gietz, Vincent Hassa, Joe Hummers, Alberta Iannotti, Gladys Kugler, Ryan Mueller, Peter Nicoletti, Barbara Nielson, Sylvia Perara, Jack Polcer, Carol Regad, Melissa Sacchiero, Elsa Schock, Jacqueline Spink, Helen Terhune, Toby Tripalin, Gloria Walsh

IN THE MILITARY: Air Force: Kaitlyn Clemens; Army: Larry Osborne, Kurt Rossi; Army National Guard: Matthew Smaldino, Ryan Wood; Navy: Kurt Bethmann, Heather Osborne, Gary McCrea; Marines: CJ Simonson

ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE: For September 16 - September 22, we join Argentina, Uruguay, & Paraguay in prayer. Visit www.oikoumene.org/ for more information about these countries.

WELCOME!

- ★ We are blessed that you are with us for worship today.
- ★ If you are visiting with us, please take a moment to sign the visitor book in the narthex and receive your gift.
- ★ Please silence your electronics. If you need hearing assistance, ask an usher for a set of directions or a smartphone with the AudioEverywhere app loaded, so that you are able to participate fully in worship.
- ★ 10:15 Worship – if this is your first time and you'd like to follow the music for the songs, please let an usher know.
- ★ If you need assistance, please ask an usher.
- ★ During the prelude, you are invited to prepare yourself, your heart and mind, for worship.

FALL SERMON SERIES: GOSPEL OF MR. ROGERS

Last week, we began a series learning about the Good News through the music and message of Mr. Fred Rogers. His landmark television show began fifty years ago, breaking new ground in programming for children (and their parents). The lessons of Mr. Rogers, a Presbyterian minister, are as important for us today as they were then. This week our theme is 'It's You I Like'

BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY:

We are beginning a study on the books of Samuel. These Old Testament writings recount the history of God's people as they continue to grow into their inheritance in the Promised Land. On September 12, at 12 PM we'll continue with the story of Samuel & Saul. All are welcome to join us. Bring your lunch and a beverage. Dogs and toddlers are welcome, too!

OKTOBERFEST 2018

This year marks the 5th Oktoberfest at Shepherd of the Hills. There is a flyer in your bulletin for you to share with your friends and family. What started here as a celebration of our Lutheran heritage is now a fall favorite. If you need more flyers, please let the office know!

FAITH FORMATION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 16! (THAT'S TODAY!)

You are invited – yes you – to join God's work in the world! This invitation is for young disciples ages 2 ½ to 5th grade and their parents. We will learn how to worship, learn how God calls us into community and faith, and how to love one another. We'll start at 9 AM in the sanctuary! All are welcome and invited!

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS & BRIEFCASES:

Bring your backpacks & briefcases on Sunday, September 16 (today) for a blessing and a bag tag to remind you that you are blessed. We'll have a moment at all worship services to welcome folks and their bags.

MANY THANKS:

To all who participated in the God's Work, Our Hands service day last Sunday. BIG THANKS to Diane Fitzpatrick & Wendy Whipple for coordinating and Debbie Lockwood for cutting material for the bandanas & blankets. Lots of great discussion and interest! This is one way to bring community together.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY:

We'll begin our bi-monthly Tuesday evening studies on October 9 at 7 PM. Pastor Tina is looking for ideas/recommendations/desires of folks for what we can study together. We've done book studies thus far. Please email pastor@sothnj.org with your suggestions.

TUESDAY MORNING CREW:

Hands are always needed and appreciated on Tuesday mornings as we work together to complete long term maintenance and light repair projects. A willing heart is all that's required. Join us from 9:30 – 11:30 AM every Tuesday morning.

FALL OUTDOOR CLEANUP:

We're announcing this EARLY so that you are able to join us on **Saturday, October 27 at 8:30 AM until done**. We'll be cleaning up leaves, cleaning out the storage, trimming hedges, and other outside things to prepare the property for winter (brr). Many hands make light work! We'll welcome you if you are able to help for an hour or longer. We'll have a sign up in the Narthex next week.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS:

The following is a list of daily Bible readings for your home devotions. Sunday through Wednesday reflect on Sunday's lessons. Thursday through Saturday readings prepare you for Sunday's lessons:
Sun., Sept 16: Is 50:4-9a, Ps 116:1-9, Jam 3:1-12, Mark 8:27-38
Mon., Sept. 17: Psalm 119:169-176, 1Kings 13:1-10, Romans 3:9-20
Tues., Sept. 18: Ps 119:169-176, 1 Kings 13:11-25, Colossians 3:1-11
Wed., Sept. 19: Ps 119:169-176, Isaiah 10:12-20, John 7:25-36
Thurs., Sept 20: Psalm 54, Judges 6:1-10, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Fri., Sept. 21: Psalm 54, 1 Kings 22:24-40, Romans 11:25-32
Sat., Sept 22: Psalm 54, 2 Kings 17:5-18, Matthew 23:29-39