

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

*A vibrant faith community of Northwest New Jersey.
A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.*

*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.*

WEEKLY MINISTRY:

Sunday Worship:

8 AM, 10:15 AM & 6 PM Sept – May
9 AM & 6 PM June – August

Youth Education:

Faith Formation: Sundays at 9 AM
Confirmation: Wed at 6:30 PM
First Friday: 6-9 gr students, 6-9 PM

Adult Education:

Faith & Life - Alternating Tues. at 7 PM
Brown Bag Bible Study – Wed. 12 PM
Choir Rehearsals: Sundays at 12 PM

Church Office:

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday,
10 AM – 2 PM

Church Staff:

Pastor: The Rev. Kristina Reyes,
pastor@sothnj.org
Pastoral Em: 973-810-3330
Music Director: Mr. Ronn Sacchiero

SERVING WORSHIP TODAY:

Sunday, January 13, 2019			
8:00 AM Servants		10:15 AM Servants	
Reader: Barbara Robinson		Reader: Wendy Whipple	
1 st Deacon: Solveig Schunk		1 st Deacon: Bruce Whipple	
2 nd Deacon: Christian Pak		2 nd Deacon: CPIC if needed	
Usher: Jack Robinson		Usher: Ken Biss	
Food Cards: Judy Pak		Media: Ken Biss	
		CPIC: Wendy Whipple	
		Food Cards: Debbie Lockwood	
Altar Team: Barbara Robinson Diane Fitzpatrick		Counters: Steve Lewandowski Mike Osborne Rob Hardt	
Sunday, January 20, 2019			
8:00 AM Servants		10:15 AM Servants	
Reader: Robert Ernst		Reader: Patrick Wood	
1 st Deacon: Brian Lenker		1 st Deacon: Emery Malasits	
2 nd Deacon: None		2 nd Deacon: Emery Malasits Jr	
Usher: Peter Hausmann		Usher: Don Roberts	
Food Cards: Need a volunteer		Media: Barbara Osborne	
		Food Cards: Denise Roberts	
Altar Team: Solveig Schunk Barbara Osborne		Counters: Diane Fitzpatrick Don Roberts Need a volunteer	

The Voice from the Hills

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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, January 13	Epiphany: Baptism of Jesus
	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 & Sacrament
Tues., Jan 15	10 AM – Staff Meeting
Wed., Jan. 16	12:00 PM – Brown Bag Bible Study 6:30 PM – Confirmation
Sunday, January 20	2 nd Sunday after Epiphany Baptism: Parker Thomas Scudato
	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 & Sacrament
Tues., Jan 22	10 AM – Staff Meeting
Wed., Jan. 23	12:00 PM – Brown Bag Bible Study 6:30 PM – Confirmation
Fri. Jan 25	1 PM – Lunch Bunch at Milano's, Rt 94, Hamburg

In Our Prayers:

HOMEBOUND OR ILLNESS: Alice Bornemann, Alice Busch, Jenny Cortese, Robert Edgett, Edwin Foster, Vincent Hassa, Joe Hummers, Alberta Iannotti, Kay Kozdeba, Gladys Kugler, Ryan Mueller, Peter Nicoletti, Barbara Nielson, Sylvia Perara, Jack Polcer, Carol Regad, Melissa Sacchiero, Elsa Schock, Mary Kate Sinclair, Jacqueline Spink, Helen Terhune, Nancy Vermuellen, Danny Williamson, Hailey Zaky

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

ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE: For January 13-19, we join Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen in prayer. Visit www.oikoumene.org/ for more information about these countries.

Take these announcements with you for the week or to share with a friend.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

- ★ We are blessed that you are with us for worship today. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare yourself, your heart and mind, for worship.
- ★ If you are visiting with us, please take a moment to sign the visitor book in the narthex and receive your gift.
- ★ For the youngest worshipers, activity bags are available in the narthex.
- ★ Please silence your electronics so that we are all fully present in the word and music of the evening.
- ★ If you need hearing assistance, ask an usher for a set of directions or a smartphone with the AudioEverywhere app loaded, to participate fully in worship.
- ★ If you need any assistance, please ask an usher.

BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY:

All are welcome to join us as we read through 2 Samuel – which is the account of David's reign as King of Israel. For January 16, please read 2 Sam 13-15. Bring a bible and a lunch. No experience necessary – just a desire to see how God worked through folks and what that means for us.

HIPPA REMINDER:

It's been a while since we reminded you the following: due to privacy laws, hospitals no longer automatically call churches to inform them of members who are inpatient. Please call Pastor Tina for prayer and if you wish a visit.

GIVING REMINDER:

If you use envelopes for your church giving, please make sure that you are using the ones for 2019. Please recycle the 2018 envelopes or bring them to us – we'll find a way to reuse them.

LUNCH BUNCH:

The January meeting of the LUNCH BUNCH will take place at Milano's Restaurant, 3673 Route 94, Hamburg on Friday, January 25 at 1 PM. All are welcome. Please RSVP to Jane Lewandowski at 973-670-6701.

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:

January 13: Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29, Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
January 14: Psalm 106:1-12, Judges 4:1-16, Ephesians 6:10-17
January 15: Psalm 106:1-12, Judges 5:15-21, 1 John 5:13-21
January 16: Psalm 106:1-12, Numbers 27:1-11, Luke 11:33-36
January 17: Psalm 36:5-10, Jeremiah 3:1-5, Acts 8:18-24
January 18: Psalm 36:5-10, Jeremiah 3:19-25, 1 Corinthians 7:1-7
January 19: Psalm 36:5-10, Jeremiah 4:1-4, Luke 11:14-23

FUTURE DISCIPLESHIP:

As the church looks to the future, we pray that you will join us as we being to brainstorm and study how Shepherd of the Hills will meet the congregational and community needs in the future. The information sessions listed below are just a beginning and you are welcome to attend any/all of them.

Sat., Jan. 26, 10 AM – 12 PM: Closing the Financial Gaps

Sat., Feb. 9, 10 AM – 12 PM: Planning for the Next Five Years

Please RSVP to Pastor Tina by signing up or emailing her at pastor@sothnj.org.

OFFICE TRANSITION:

We ask for your prayers and patience as our membership, contribution, and accounting systems are transitioned into a new single Church Management system, set to be live on January 1, 2019. The team, Barbara Von Thun, Diane Terhune, & Steve Lewandowski, have been working diligently to make the changeover. The goal of this transition to establish more efficient practices as well as ease of use. Thanks for this in advance.

SAVE THE DATE:

The 2019 Fish & Chips Dinner will be held on Sat., March 23 from 4-7 PM. The success of this event relies on you – helping to secure donations for our baskets, setting up, serving, and clean up. AND – inviting your friends and family.

WINTER WEATHER & SOTH

The basic rule that we follow is: if Sparta Schools are closed, we are closed. If you come here, there are no guarantees that the lot/sidewalks will be passible. On Sunday mornings, Pastor Tina will make the call regarding worship by 7 AM. Information will be posted on the church facebook page, website, and church answering machine. As always, please make the best decision for you and your family.

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One-time or automatic giving: Give while shopping online through:



Shepherd of the Hills Building Fund



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