

## Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

A vibrant faith community of Northwest New Jersey.  
A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.  
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**SERVING WORSHIP TODAY:** Please remember to arrive **30 minutes** before worship. Contact the church office with any changes.

<b>9 AM</b>	<b>May 15</b>	<b>9 AM</b>	<b>May 22</b>
Reader:	Margaret Krych	Reader:	Barbara vonThun
Deacon:	Solveig Schunk	Deacon:	Solveig Schunk
Usher:	Ken Biss	Usher:	Don Wolff
Media:	Don Wolff	Media:	Patrick Wood
	Volunteer needed		John Seal
CPIC:	Wendy Whipple	CPIC:	Diane Fitzpatrick
Counters:	Steve Lewandowski	Counters:	Diane Fitzpatrick
	Bob Fawcett		Barbara vonThun
Altar Guild:	Barbara Osborne	Altar Guild:	Phyllis Fawcett
Cantor:	Jim Jicha	Cantor:	Vince Hassa
Coffee Hour	Fitzpatrick Family	Coffee Hour	The Robinsons

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

<b>Thurs., May 12</b>	<b>6 PM - First Communion Class - Parish Hall</b>
<b>Sun., May 15</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> 9 AM – <i>Worship of the Word in Church and on YouTube</i> <i>Sunday School Children Singing during the service</i> 10 AM – <i>Coffee Hour</i>
<b>Mon., May 16</b>	<b>7-8 PM - New Member Orientation Classes - Parish Hall</b>
<b>Wed., May 18</b>	<b>12 noon – Brown Bag Bible Study In-Person Rockaway or via Zoom</b>
<b>Sun., May 22</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> 9 AM – <i>Worship of the Word in Church and on YouTube</i> 10 AM – <i>Coffee Hour</i> 2 PM – <i>Visitation for Elsie Haller</i> 3 PM – <i>Celebration of Life for Elsie Haller</i>
<b>Mon., May 23</b>	<b>7:30 PM – Council Meeting</b>

### WEEKLY MINISTRY:

Sunday Worship: 9 AM  
In church, Live streamed on Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church channel on YouTube

Youth Education Sept to May:  
Sunday School: 9:15 – 10 AM  
Confirmation: Thurs.eve.7-7:45 PM  
1x/month - Sept -Apr. on **Zoom**

Adult Education:  
Brown Bag Bible Study – Wed. 12 PM  
(2x/month)

Church Office:  
Monday – Staff works remotely  
Tues., 10:30 – 2:30 PM  
Thurs., 10:00 – 2 PM  
973-729-7010

Church Staff:  
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jack DiMatteo  
Email: [pastor@sothnj.org](mailto:pastor@sothnj.org)  
Emergencies: 908-887-1161

Music Director: Mr. Ronn Sacchiero

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### Service of Holy Communion

Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 15, 2022

(Note: All wording for the liturgy and hymns will appear on our large monitor screens just above the altar area.)

Welcome from Pastor Jack

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Gathering Hymn “AWAKE, O SLEEPER, RISE FROM DEATH”  
(#452, V1,5)

Children’s Sermon

Prayer of the Day

Sharing of The Assigned Scriptures (See “Celebrate” insert)

Choral Offering from the Sunday School Children

Sermon

Quiet Meditation and Personal Prayer

Hymn of the Day “WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE PREVAIL”  
(#359, V1,3,5)

The Apostles’ Creed

Prayers (See “Celebrate” insert)

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Prayer

Communion Liturgy & The Lord’s Prayer

Distribution of Communion

Post Communion Prayer & Benediction

**Sending Hymn “THAT EASTER DAY WITH JOY WAS BRIGHT”  
(#384, V1,4)**

**Brief Announcements & Dismissal**

**Weekly Announcements**  
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**JOIN US IN PRAYER:**

**HOMEBOUND OR ILLNESS:** Jerry Battifarano, Bob Buchmann, Alice Busch, Jenny Cortese, Susan Dannenberg, Ashley Dismuke, Edwin Foster, Mark Geiger, Vincent Hassa, Joe Hummers, Rita Jennings, Bob Kapral, Kay Kozdeba, Bill Lockwood, Janice Mason, Judith Neubauer, Carol & Jack Polcer, Carol Regad, Jack Robinson, Melissa & Ronn Sacchiero, Diane Simonson, Dawn & Gerald Tedesco, Nancy Vermuelen, Judith Worsley.

**SERMON SERIES – “What Shall We Do?” Lessons from the 1<sup>st</sup> Century Christians** - May 8 – June 5. (see the bulletin insert)

**LARGE PAPER BAGS** – are needed for our Thanksgiving baskets. Please give to Phyllis Fawcett.

**MASKS ARE OPTIONAL** Traditional communion has returned, but communion cups will still be available.

**SAVE THE DATES:**

**NEW MEMBER CLASSES** – **May 16** in the Parish Hall at **7 PM**. All are welcome!

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES** – **May 12** in the Parish Hall at **6 PM**. Please contact the church office for further information.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN SINGING** – during the service on **May 15**. You won't want to miss it!

**C4C TRICKY TRAY** – **May 21, Sussex County Fairgrounds 2 PM** (see bulletin insert).

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE** – for Elsie Haller. Visitation at **2 p.m.** and service at **3 p.m.**

**SPARTA DAY** – is scheduled for **Saturday, June 4**. Please sign up to help on the **upcoming events bulletin board** in the narthex.

**BLOOD DRIVE** is scheduled for **Thursday, July 28 from 1-7 PM**.

**PLEASE CALL AHEAD** – before venturing a trip to the church office.

**HYMN SUGGESTIONS** – can be given to Ronn or emailed to [ro2nkate@gmail.com](mailto:ro2nkate@gmail.com)

**NEED YARN?** -Marty Nielson has replenished the supply of Barbara's stash for anyone's use. Currently, the yarn is in the room between the office and Pastor's office. You are welcome to it. We will be collecting handmade blue hats for #Hat Not Hate again this year. Faith Kitchen does not accept any clothing.

**LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE** –Your gifts will support Ukrainians and others. **Gifts to “Eastern Europe Crisis Response”** will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by the crisis in Ukraine and neighboring countries. Checks or money orders can be sent to:

**Lutheran Disaster Response P.O. Box 1809 Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**

Write "**Eastern Europe Crisis Response**" on your check memo line.

Give by phone at **800-638-3522** (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. CT) or online.

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED – CONTROL ROOM HELP, OFFICE VOLUNTEERS, COFFEE HOUR HOSTS, FINANCIAL COUNTERS, PHOTOGRAPHER, DEACONS AND USHERS** are all needed. Training joyfully provided. If someone calls to recruit you, please prayerfully consider how YOU can serve. You can always volunteer by contacting the office.

**JOIN US WITH GENEROUS GIVING TO OUR MISSION:**

with these gifts, we continue to **welcome** folks to our community, to **equip** them with faith tools – learning the word, prayers for one another, and communal support – and then to **send** us into the world to welcome others.

Your donations to SOTH can be accomplished in the following ways:

- On Sunday, place your donation in the offering plate at the back of the church.
- Mail your offering to: SOTH 246 Woodport Rd., Sparta, NJ07871
- Go online to setup your e-giving from your checking, savings, credit card or debit card <http://secure.myvanco.com/L-YXCY>
- Download Vanco Mobile (Faith) on your smartphone, search for Shepherd of the Hills (Sparta)
- Text Giving to 973-832-0226 You can make a one-time gift or setup recurring offerings.

**Many thanks to all of the donors who support our mission!**