

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.

9 AM	July 31	9 AM	Aug 7
Reader:	Barbara von Thun	Reader:	Solveig Schunk
Deacon:	Emery Malasits	Deacon:	Bob Kapral
Usher:	Don Wolff	Usher:	Ed Schunk
Media:	Pat Wood	Media:	Barbara Osborne
CPIC:	Brett Maynard	CPIC:	Pat Kovacs
Counters:	Mike Osborne Steve Lewandowski	Counters:	Diane Fitzpatrick Barbara vonThun
Altar Guild:	Barbara Osborne	Altar Guild:	Diane Fitzpatrick
Cantor:	Vince Hassa	Cantor:	Jim Jicha
Coffee Hour	Sheriff Family	Coffee Hour	Poggi Famiy

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thurs., July 28	1 - 7 PM - Community Blood Drive
Sun., July 31	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 9 AM – <i>Worship of the Word in Church and on YouTube</i> 10AM – <i>Coffee Hour</i>
Wed., Aug 3	12 noon – Brown Bag Bible Study In-Person Rockaway or via Zoom
Sat., Aug 6	6 to 8 PM - WINE TASTING! event
Sun., Aug 7	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 9 AM – <i>Worship of the Word in Church and on YouTube</i> 10AM – <i>Coffee Hour</i>

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 a.m.

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: Hours subject to

change. Please call before coming.

Monday – Staff works remotely

Tues., 10:45 – 2:45 PM

Thurs., 10:00 – 2 PM

973-729-7010

Church Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jack DiMatteo

Email: pastor@sothnj.org

Emergencies: 908-887-1161

Music Director: Mr. Ronn Sacchiero

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Service of Holy Communion

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – July 31, 2022

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

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Gathering Hymn "ONE BREAD, ONE BODY" (#496, V1,2)

Children's Sermon

Prayer of the Day

Sharing of The Assigned Scriptures (See "Celebrate" insert)

Sermon – Rev. Dr. Arden Krych

Quiet Meditation and Personal Prayer

Hymn of the Day "FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION" (#679, V 1,3)

The Apostles' Creed

Prayers (See "Celebrate" insert)

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Collection & Prayer

Communion Liturgy & The Lord's Prayer

Distribution of Communion

Post Communion Prayer & Benediction

Sending Hymn "GO, MAKE DISCIPLES" (#540 2X)

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, Leland Futch, Mark Geiger, Vincent Hassa, Joe Hummers, Rita Jennings, 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.

MANY THANKS to all who helped to repair the fence. It looks great! Special thanks to **Pat Wood** for coordinating the repair and for all of the recent repairs with the septic system. Don't know what we would do without you!

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

ADOPT A GARDEN – there are many church gardens in need of weeding and planting (if you'd like to add to the flowers.) Please see Pat Wood to choose your space, and thank you for beautifying your church.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS – are needed. Please see the sign-up sheet on the narthex table. Thanks to the DiCola's for leading this fellowship activity.

SAVE THE DATES:

BLOOD DRIVE Thank you to all who helped make this event a success. Our **next** community Blood Drive will be **Thursday, Oct 27th**.

WINE TASTING! is scheduled for **Saturday, August 6 - 6 to 8 PM** Please invite a friend, and sign up on the clipboard on the narthex table or let **Solveig Schunk (201-919-2015, Solveig2012@gmail.com)** know as soon as possible if you will attend so we can have sufficient beverages on hand.

PASTOR'S VACATION –will be from **7/18 to 8/1**. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Rev. Fred Becker at 973-366-2821 or fred3becker@gmail.com. **Special thanks to Drs. Arden and Margaret Krych** who will conduct the service in his absence. It is always a joy to welcome our very own SOTH members as worship leaders.

PLEASE CALL AHEAD – before venturing a trip to the church office. Hours are subject to change due to voluntary nature of our staff.

FAVORITE HYMN SUGGESTIONS – can be written on the form in the bulletin and placed in offering plate. These will be given to Ronn for possible inclusion in a future worship service.

SUBSTITUTE SECRETARY NEEDED – The church office is in need of a **volunteer**, substitute secretary on an “as needed basis”. Please contact Wendy Whipple if you are interested. Training happily provided!

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.
- 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!