

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	Sept 25	9 AM	Oct 2
Reader:	Barbara von Thun	Reader:	Pat Kovacs
Deacon:	Emery Malasits	Deacon:	Bob Kapral
Usher:	Ken Biss	Usher:	Ty Dreifus
	J.D. Allen		Ken Biss
Media:	Patrick Wood	Media:	Barbara Osborne
CPIC:	Emery Malasits	CPIC:	Pat Kovacs
Counters:	Steve Lewandowski	Counters:	Mike Osborne
	Bob Fawcett		Barbara von Thun
Altar Guild:	Solveig Schunk	Altar Guild:	Barbara Osborne
Cantor:	Bob Fawcett	Cantor:	Pat Kovacs
Coffee Hour	Allen Family	Coffee Hour	Robinson Family

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fri., Sept 23	TDB – Trinity Faith Kitchen - make sandwiches
Sun., Sept 25	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost 9 AM – <i>Worship of the Word in Church and on YouTube</i> 9:15 – 10 AM <i>Sunday School during worship</i>
Mon., Sept 26	7:30 PM – Council Meeting
Sat., Oct 1	10 AM – Blessing of the Animals
Sun., Oct 2	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 9 AM – <i>Worship of the Word in Church and on YouTube</i> 9:15 – 10 AM <i>Sunday School during worship</i>
Tues., Oct 4	7 PM - 2023 SOTH event planning meeting
Wed., Oct 5	12 noon – Brown Bag Bible Study In-Person Rockaway or via Zoom

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: see Pastor about self-study program.- Sept. -Apr.

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

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 25, 2022

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

***Congregation Stands**

Welcome by Pastor Jack

***Confession and Forgiveness**

***Glory to God (Hymn of Praise, page 213-215 and in Song book.)**

Children’s Sermon

Gathering Hymn: “ÁBIDE WITH ME” (#629, V1,4)

Prayer of the Day

First Scripture Reading (see “Celebrate” insert)

***Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil” (#512 and in Song book)**

***Gospel reading**

Sermon

Brief Moment for Prayer and Meditation

Hymn of the Day: "BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR" (#838, V1,4)

***Offering collection and “As the Grains of Wheat” (#465 and in Song book)**

***Sharing of the Peace**

***Words of Institution & Lord’s Prayer**

Distribution of Communion – “Ëat This Bread” (#472 and in Song Book)

***Post Communion Prayer & Benediction**

***Sending Hymn: "I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES"
(#619, V1,4)**

Brief Announcements & Words of Dismissal

Today's hymns are favorites of Barbara VonThun

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, Rynearson Family, Melissa & Ronn Sacchiero, Diane Simonson, Sally Tauber, Dawn & Gerald Tedesco, Nancy Vermuelen, Judith Worsley, Judi Wolff.

VISITORS – please sign the guest book on the table in the lobby.

SUBSTITUTE SECRETARY NEEDED – Our volunteer secretary will be out of the office for approximately four weeks after October 24 due to a surgical procedure. We are in **urgent** need of someone to word process from home or in the church office for that period of time. Please see Wendy. Training happily provided!

PLEASE RETURN your songbooks to the table in the narthex at the conclusion of service today.

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

THRIVENT ACCOUNT HOLDERS – We are in need of Thrivent customers to **write Action Team grants**. All customers are entitled to submit one or two per year. Please contact **Denise Leifken** at dleifken@aol.com or call 973-715-6611 for assistance.

SAVE THE DATES:

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – Sat., Oct. 1 at 10 AM Please bring your animals on a leash or in a carrier for a special blessing and a treat from Pastor Jack. Snacks and door prizes too!

ALL ARE INVITED to attend the **Tues., Oct. 4 event planning meeting at 7 PM** to set the calendar for 2023. Come with your ideas and the understanding that all events are group efforts.

BLOOD DRIVE is scheduled for **Thurs., Oct 27 from 1-7 PM**. **Volunteers are needed**. Please contact the church office if you can volunteer to help or serve as the coordinator.

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

THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION – at least 20 of each item are needed.

Flour	
Peanut butter	gravy/gravy mix
Jelly	instant mashed potatoes
Canned vegetables	macaroni and cheese
Cake mix	tuna
Frosting	canned sweet potatoes
Pancake mix	cereal
Syrup	cranberry sauce
Stuffing mix	soup
canned fruit	baked beans
Rice	toilet paper

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE –Your gifts will support those affected by the most recent disasters in Puerto Rico, the Caribbean and Alaska. **Gifts to the general fund** will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected. Checks or money orders can be sent to:

Lutheran Disaster Response P.O. Box 1809 Merrifield, VA 22116-8009
Write " 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 – BLOOD DRIVE COORDINATOR, 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!