

**29th Anniversary of  
Good Shepherd Lutheran  
Church - LCMS  
Callao, Virginia December 2010**



Good Shepherd celebrated its 29th Anniversary on December

5, 2010, with appropriate ceremonies.

During this last year, the Good Shepherd (GS) Family, in addition to the regular internal worship, Bible study, fellowship and ministry activities, continued to witness to and serve our community in deployed ministry. The Sunday Worship DVD Ministry to our own and community shut ins continued to expand to the point that we send out, on average, 5 DVD mailings per week. Financial, prayer and moral support continued for our adopted seminarian and his spouse, Aaron & Melissa Chittick, in St. Louis, as well as our adopted missionary family, the Cimas. The monthly service was held at the Warsaw Nursing Home.



During 2010, Pastor Mike began monthly Chapel services for students at

Woodland Academy of Neeneh, VA, where GS member Bev Horn is Principal. Involvement in Interfaith Service Council helped to meet human needs in Northumberland and Lancaster Counties.

The Women of GS (WOGS) continued to support The Haven Shelter and conducted their local "Bibles for the Prison" ministry. Workers with Habitat for Humanity completed another house. Reading Partners and Hospice ministries continued to provide community support.

During the year, in keeping with the commitment made in November 2003, GS remitted 17% (on the way to 20%) of General Offerings to District and Synod for missions. We experienced once again, that we cannot out give the Lord. We finished the year in a strong financial position, with all mission and administration commitments met, and with a surplus. Praise the Lord! In prayerful confidence, the missions commitment for 2011, was set at 18% at the November 2010 Voters Meeting.

The seed for Good Shepherd was planted in 1975, when Peace Lutheran Church-LCMS, King George, VA, received funds from the Southeastern District (SED)-LCMS to call Rev. Richard J. Finck as full time Pastor, with the additional commission of establishing a preaching station "farther out on the Northern Neck of Virginia." The first service of "The Northern Neck Lutheran Mission" was held September 13, 1981, at St. John's Episcopal Church, Warsaw, VA. Twenty two attended that service.

An organizational meeting was held October 6, 1981, at the home of Larry & Eleanor Schneider at Mt. Holly. On November 15th a proposed Charter for Good Shepherd's formation was presented to and accepted by Peace



Congregation. Peace and Good Shepherd were originally organized as one Lutheran parish serving the Northern Neck with one pastor and one budget. **Charter Sunday, the official birthday of Good Shepherd, was held December 6, 1981.**

**Charter Members** (*signing the original Charter displayed in the Narthex*): **Walter & Allene Haynie, Delphian Hall, Richard Hall, Kenneth & Judy Lynn, Lawrence & Eleanor Schneider, Esther Castell, Lillian Beasley, Jack & Harriet Ittner, Robert & Iva Petersen, and Harry Dittler.**

***Charter Members still with us in 2010:***



Esther Castell  
Daugherty



Richard  
Hall



Allene  
Haynie



Jack  
Ittner

Sunday worship services continued at St. John's Episcopal Church in Warsaw, with Bible classes and other congregational activities being held at members' homes. In 1982, Mrs. Lillian B. Beasley donated acreage on VA Route 202, two miles west of Callao, near Hyacinth, for the construction of a church. Numerical growth was slow, but steady as new Lutheran families retired to, or moved into the Northern Neck.

Planning began in 1989, for a multi-purpose facility of 3000 square feet to be built with "Laborers for Christ." Ground Breaking was held July 13, 1991, and the facility dedicated February 23, 1992. Good Shepherd served the community with a highly regarded Day Care and Pre-School from 1997 to 1999. Mrs. Sharon Self was the Program Director. It was closed when the State expanded no-cost educational programs.

Pastor Richard J. Finck served the dual parish of Peace and Good Shepherd until June 2001, when he took another Call. That year Good Shepherd became independent and began the search for her own pastor. The Rev. George Finsterle, a retired pastor and member of the congregation, served as Vacancy Pastor until 2002.

On March 3, 2002, Mrs. Doris Croom, congregational Organist for over twenty years, retired. Ms. June Herbert then assumed this music ministry. In August 2002, Rev. Michael E. Ramming of Killeen, TX, was Called as the first full time Pastor. "Pastor Mike" began his ministry on September 1, 2002. In January of 2008, Mrs. Kathryn Borders became Organist and Choir Director.

A Vision & Planning Committee was formed in 2003, to assess ministry opportunities. This committee proposed formal Vision and Mission & Ministry Statements, adopted in November 2003, which proposed the construction of a 5000 square foot Fellowship Hall. The project was formally adopted April 18, 2004, with Ground Breaking September 19, 2004, and Dedication held September 18, 2005. Construction was accomplished, again, using the "Laborers for Christ" model.

2010 opened with exceptional, back-to-back snow storms that caused cancellation of multiple Sunday services and weekday activities during January & February. These storms were the worst in almost ten years. The GS Family was blessed, however, with safety during this time! Not to be stymied by the weather, the HOWGS (Husbands of Women of GS) held a late Valentine's Breakfast on February 28.



For Holy Week, Director Kathryn Borders lead the a combine choir from GS and Mildren Presbyterian Church, Sharps, VA, (where she is also Organist) in a Good Friday presentation of the Lenten Cantata "The Last Week" that was most spiritually rewarding. The cantata was also presented at Mildren that week.

During the summer, Fellowship Chair Susan Hall, began a most successful monthly family Friday "Movie Nite" that continued through the remainder of the year. On June 23, our adopted missionary Pastor "JP" Cima and his family visited and gave an inspiring report on his ministry and missionary work in Vietnam.



time was had by all! As a result of the Christian education emphasis, a new Home

The new activity year was begun September 19, with a "Casual Sunday" and Rally Day Picnic. A super

Bible Study "East" was started at the Bruch's in Reedville, to mirror the "West" study group that has been meeting for several years.



On October 23, the WOGS hosted a very successful women's day retreat, "Hooked by Jesus" for area women. Over 40 registered for the event. As a result of exciting Reformation Sunday celebrations and congregational interest, a Reformation Heritage Tour to spend Reformation Sunday 2011 in Wittenberg, Germany, as announced

by Pastor Mike. On November 14, the GS Family honored veterans with a special recognition service that included the "Passing the Flag Ceremony."



At the November 21 Quarterly Voters Meeting, GS voted to initiate what will be a three year process to move from Circuit #8 to Circuit #10 (Richmond, VA) to ease and heighten regular Circuit participation.

**On Charter Sunday, December 6, 1981, the membership numbered 15. At its 29th Anniversary on December 5, 2010, the Good Shepherd Family numbered 81 Baptized and 76 Communicant Members, with an average Sunday worship attendance of 59. To God be the glory!**

**Church Officers -- 2010-2011**

- President – Willie Woods
- Vice President – Dave Bertsch
- Treasurer – Richard Hardwick
- Council Secretary – Deb Sauve
- Financial Secretary – Betty Cornwell
- Elders: Andy Hall – Head
- Wayne Hamlett, Bob Jung
- Charles Newton
- Christian Education – David Vogel
- Stewardship – Larry Van Doren
- Property Chairman - Dennis Sauve
- Activities Chair – Susan Hall



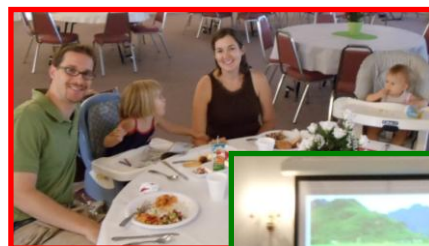
**VISION STATEMENT**

**The Good Shepherd Family –**  
**“Proclaiming, Serving and Nurturing in the Gospel of the Lord Jesus in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula of Virginia.”**

**Pastors of Good Shepherd**

- 1981-2001 Rev. Richard J. Finck
- 2001-2002 Rev. George F. Finsterle
- 2002-Present Rev. Michael E. Ramming

**The Lenten Cantata Good Friday**



**The Cimas Visit in June**

**Chief Andy Hall's Retirement - August**



**BSA Troop 365 for 100<sup>th</sup> @ Ft AP Hill**

**Easter 2010**

*Christ is Risen  
 He is Risen, Indeed!*



**WOGS Retreat in October**

