

31st Anniversary of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church-LCMS, Callao, VA

Celebrated December 2, 2012

PIX OF ST JOHN'S / FIRST UNIT PIX / CURRENT GS EXTERIORS

1981

1992

2005

2012



From St. John's
Episcopal
Warsaw, Virginia
1981



To Callao – Dedication Sunday
1992

Karen Ramming & Youth
prepare to place the Time
Capsule in the Narthex



After Fellowship Hall Addition
2005



30th Anniversary Congregation 4DEC2011



Classrooms Addition
2012



Pastor Richard
Finck



Pastor George
Finsterle



Pastor Michael
Ramming



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(SED) **President Diefenthaler** visited the GS Family on February 5, and took part in “Signing Sunday,” where the building framework was inscribed by all attending the service. **The Education Addition was dedicated on May 20.**

The large room in the Beasley Wing was divided during the year into a **Nursery with worship video feed** and a separate **Conference Room.**

Foci of our 30th year of ministry were outreach and service to the community: In addition to our regular witness, outreach and deployed ministry efforts, during the year GS offered multiple programs specifically aimed at the community. Early in 2012, GS hosted a **15 week Perspectives World Missions Course** for the central Northern Neck (NNk) area. In February & June, Fellowship Chairs Susan Hall (pictured) & Lisa Sweeney offered successful **Christian Flicks Nights** that screened major contemporary Christian movies. Pastor Mike offered a **“You Are There” presentation on Jesus’ Holy Week ministry** and the Choir presented a **special Cantata the Sunday after Easter.** The Northumberland Sheriff presented a **Computer Safety Workshop** in May and October. Christian Ed Chair Bev Horn prepared youth **Puppet Ministry** services for October & December, and community veterans were honored at a **Veteran Recognition Service** on November 11.



30th Anniversary Congregation 4DEC2011

The Good Shepherd (GS) Family celebrated her **30th Anniversary on December 4, 2011**, with a festival service, followed by a banquet. We were blessed that **Founding Pastor Rich Finck, and Charter Members Allene Haynie & Richard Hall were in attendance.** A **Time Capsule** was prepared and placed in a Narthex wall, to be opening at the 50th Anniversary.

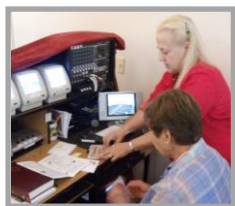
During the first half of 2012, an **Education Addition** of three classrooms was completed. Southeastern District



GS’s **31st Anniversary** was celebrated with

festival service and Bible Class on December 2, 2012. The Family was ready to step into a new year to serve and praise the Lord.

During 2012 the **Worship DVD Ministry** to our own and community shut-ins continued to expand to the point that we send out, on average, 7 DVD mailings



per week. Financial, prayer and moral support continued for our **Adopted Seminarian** and his spouse, **Aaron & Melissa Chittick**, from St. Louis, as well as our **Adopted Missionary** family, **the Cimas**, in Vietnam. Involvement in **Interfaith Service Council** helped to meet human needs in Northumberland and Lancaster Counties, and GS committed to be a part of the **LINK** coordinated area assistance ministry. GS applied for and **received a grant from the Church Resource Services Community Fund** of the River Counties Community Foundation to offer emergency financial assistance to local residents.



GS had previously received authorization to take part in Circuit #10 (Richmond area) activities, so we took part in the January **Circuit #10 Convocation**. In June, the

Southeastern District Convention officially moved GS to **Circuit #10** from **Circuit #8**.

The Women of GS (WOGS) continued to support **The Haven Shelter** and conducted their **“Bibles for the Prison” Ministry** at the Northern Neck Regional Correctional Center, Warsaw. **Church Volunteers** with **Habitat for Humanity** completed another house while **Reading Partners & Hospice** ministries continued to provide community support.

In keeping with the commitment made in 2003, to add 1% a year to our Mission Commitment until we reached 20%, **GS remitted 19% of General Offerings to District & Synod for missions in 2012**. In prayerful confidence, the **Mission Commitment for 2013, is the final goal of 20%**.

Pastor Mike ministered with the **Wittenberg English Ministry (WEM)** in Wittenberg, Germany, during June. **Seminarian Joseph Adama**, from the

Ft. Wayne Seminary, served GS during the month he was away.

Our music ministry has led for four years by **Kathryn Borders** until SEPT 2012, when she moved from the area. **Mrs. Alice COOPER** (pictured) became our **Organist**.



Fall activities began with the formation of the **“Vision 2017 Committee”** to review our Vision & Mission and Ministry Statement & make updates for the next five years. The revision was adopted at the November 18, 2012 Voters Meeting. In preparation for 2013, the **Elders pared the Membership List** of out-of-area and inactive names.

On Charter Sunday, December 6, 1981, the membership numbered 15. As we entered our **31st year of ministry**, the Good Shepherd Family numbered **56 Baptized and 54 Communicant Members**, with an average **Sunday worship attendance of 48** and an average weekly **Sunday School, Sunday Adult Class & mid-week classes participation of 27**.

To God Be The Glory!

PASTORS OF GOOD SHEPHERD



1981-2001

Rev. Richard J. Finck



2001-2002

Rev. George F. Finsterle

2002-

Present

Rev. Michael E. Ramming



2012/13 CHURCH OFFICERS

Pres – Willie Woods VPres – Charlie Newton
Treas – David Bertsch Sec – Kathey Brodtman
Fin Sec – Susan Hall Evang – Karen Ramming
Ch Ed – Bev Horn Stew – Dianne Bertsch
Fellow – Lisa Sweeney Prop – “Totie” Cornwell

**Elders – Andy Hall - Head, Bob Jung, Terry
Cooper, Bill Bassett**