

The Shepherd's Pipe

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Holy Week and Easter

Maundy Thursday, April 18 - 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 19 – Prayer Walk beginning at Trinity Episcopal at 11:00 a.m. and Service at 7:00 p.m.

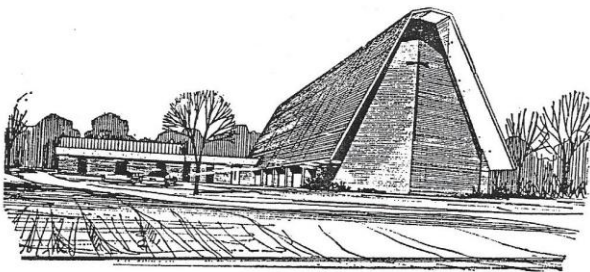
Easter, April 21 – Worship at 10:30 a.m. Invite your family and friends!

Youth Group

An evening of fun and faith on Sunday, April 14 from 7-8 pm. Contact Hailey Tammaro 724 674-6296, Youth Group Leader for ways to get involved.

Pulpit Supply in April

Pastor Ellen will be out of town for continuing education on April 7. Pastor Frank Kantz will preach and preside.



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
of New Castle

Easter Basket Project

Many hands are needed for the annual Easter Basket project for the City Rescue Mission! Come on Saturday, April 13 at 9:00 am to assemble the Easter baskets. This project is lead by Diana Braun. Please see Diana with any questions.

Seminary Intern

On March 11th, Church Council met with Assistant to the Bishop, Rev. Peter Asplin. He presented us with an opportunity to serve as an intern site for a seminarian. During the third year of the seminary experience, seminarians complete a one year internship before returning back to seminary for their final year of education. Council accepted the offer which means starting sometime in August our congregation will receive full-time pastoral services by the seminarian assigned to us for a year. This will not only allow for pastoral services for our congregation but will allow our congregation to provide a place for his continued growth and development as a pastor. We look forward to this new chapter in the life of our congregation.

See Council Highlights for more details.

Zumba is Back!

Zumba is back at Good Shepherd!
Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. Cost is \$4.
Instructor is Danielle Johns.

Single Use Plastic (SUP) Challenge for Lent

Lent is a time in the church year when Christians around the world engage more deeply in different spiritual practices, including some form of fasting. We often speak of this as "giving something up for Lent." Meat, chocolate, television - things that we enjoy or find taking up more of our attention than they should. By giving them up, we create space in our lives for other things to claim more of our time and our hearts.

This Lent, the SWPA Church in Society Committee invites you and your congregation to participate in a SUP Challenge. What is a SUP? SUP stands for "single-use-plastics," items like plastic straws or grocery bags that are designed to be used and thrown away. They're everywhere. Our homes, work, schools, churches, stores, restaurants - even the water of our rivers, lakes and oceans - harming wildlife, ecosystems, and people.

So here's the challenge, each week you and your congregation will be invited to give up a different kind of single-use-plastic. Post pictures of your creativity and successes on the "[SWPA SUP Challenge](#)" Facebook page and other social media outlets. Ideas and resources from the Church in Society Committee will be posted in the weekly synod announcements and the Facebook page. May this challenge make us more attentive to God our creator and all of God's creation.

- Week 1: Shopping bags
- Week 2: Drinking straws
- Week 3: Water bottles
- Week 4: Styrofoam
- Week 5: Food Wrappers
- Week 6: Next Steps

Spaghetti Dinner for Alfred Andrews

Members of the Andrews family is hosting a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, April 6, 3:00-6:00 pm at Chewton Firehall in Wampum. Alfred was diagnosed with Glioblastoma, one of the most aggressive forms of brain cancer that exists. All proceeds will go towards medical, travel, and other expenses. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids under 10 and are available at the door. Meal includes spaghetti, salad, bread, drink, and dessert.

Make Us Believers Musical

Experience a musical performance of the final days of Jesus. Performances are Friday, April 5 at 7:30 pm at Grace United Methodist Church, 210 S. Broad Street Grove City PA 16127 and Sunday, April 7 at 4:00 pm at St. Camillus Church 314 W. Englewood Avenue New Castle PA 16105. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under age 13. All proceeds benefit Alpha Omega Center.

Future Church Symposium

Come and spend a day thinking about the future of the church with futurist and author Leonard Sweet. Len will push participants, through lecture and discussion, to consider where culture is going and how the church can continue its mission through those changes. Saturday, April 27, 9:00 am-4:00 pm, Northminster Presbyterian Church. Let Pastor Ellen know if you would like to attend. Cost is \$35 per person including lunch.

Office Closed April 22-26

The church office will be closed the week after Easter, April 22-23.

Council Highlights

Pastor Peter Asplin, Assistant to the Bishop SWPA Synod, was a guest at the meeting. He explained that there is a seminary student who needs to serve a 12-month internship beginning in August 2019. He described this individual as a good candidate who is well prepared for the ministry. Pastor Asplin came to our meeting to find out if Good Shepherd would be interested in serving as the internship site for this student who lives in Cranberry Township and who would continue living there so that his child can continue his education without changing school districts.

Pastor Asplin also indicated that the internship candidate:

- Would receive a stipend of \$19,200 for a 12-month internship (\$1600 per month)
- Would receive mileage at the IRS rate (He would not receive mileage for driving to and from his home.)
- Would receive a Social Security payment of 7.65% of his stipend ($\$19,200 \times 7.65\% = \1468.80)
- Is not permitted to preside at communion and the SWPA Bishop would need to give his approval for how that issue would be handled
- Would work full-time for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
- Will have a supervisor not paid by Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
- Will have completed two years of coursework when he begins his internship
- Will have one more year of coursework after he completes his internship
- Should be addressed as "Vicar" or "Intern," not Pastor

Pastor Asplin indicated that Good Shepherd Lutheran Church:

- Would need to pay \$2,000 to the United Lutheran Seminary as an administrative fee
- Would need to pay \$500 to the United Lutheran Seminary Travel Equalization Fund
- Would receive a payment of \$2500 from the SWPA Synod

Terri Lombardo made a motion that Good Shepherd Lutheran Church serve as a detached internship site for 2019-2020. Curt Johns, Sr., seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Good Shepherd's Facebook Page

Please like Good Shepherd's Facebook page: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church ELCA <https://www.facebook.com/GSLCNewCastle> Currently, there is also a Facebook group that is separate from our public page that communicates the same information. This causes some confusion. If you are part of the group but do not like the public page listed, please do so as the group will be deleted on April 30, 2019.

Baptism

Brian and Danielle Johns invite you to Mackenzie Hannah's baptism on Sunday, April 7, 2019 at 1:00 pm. Our congregation rejoices as Mackenzie is washed with the waters of baptism, sealed with the Holy Spirit, and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Circles of Prayer for Mission

Please pray for the members of Good Shepherd:

Daily Prayer

- ❖ For Pastor Ellen Lundie, in her ministry to our congregation
- ❖ For the entire Good Shepherd family, that we may worship the Lord in Spirit and truth, and grow in our relationship with him and one another

Sunday Prayer

- ❖ For Evy Amerson, pianist/organist; in her ministry of music for our worship
- ❖ For our Sunday School program, as it opens the minds and hearts of our children to Christ. Give thanks for our Sunday School teachers: Diana Braun and Pastor Ellen, in their teaching ministries of education.

Monday Prayer

- ❖ For our local, state, and federal government officials, especially for President Donald Trump, his staff, and members of Congress, that they may lead our nation in justice and peace.
- ❖ For courage and strength for synodical leaders, especially Bishop Kurt Kusserow and our presiding bishop of the ELCA, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton.
- ❖ For an increase in ministry workers, both rostered leaders and lay, allowing God's church to grow, sharing the faith, and encouragement to those who are new to faith.

Tuesday Prayer

- ❖ For our Church Council member in their decision making for our congregation: Theresa Andrews, Fred DeDominicis, Brian Johns, Curtis Johns, Curt Johns, Terri Lombardo, Linda Martala, Hailey Tammaro, Terri Tankersley, Diana Tervo, Barbara Turk, and Grover Welsh
- ❖ Give thanks to God for ELCA members who share joyfully God-given blessings through stewardship of their resources of time, skills, and money.

Wednesday Prayer

- ❖ For Kevin Green, Director, his staff, and ministries of the City Rescue Mission.
- ❖ God of many blessings, we give thanks for giving us life. We praise you for the call to mission with which you continue to draw us out of ourselves and into relationship with others.

Thursday Prayer

- ❖ For the Pastor/Pilots of LAMP ministry of Canada
- ❖ For the elderly and homebound, and the Meals On Wheels staff and volunteers
- ❖ Almighty God, we give thanks for the earth you have created and all its living things. Help us appreciate the love you give and remember continued thankfulness for your goodness.

Friday Prayer

- ❖ For Grover Welsh, Sexton, Ruth Johns, Treasurer, Terri Tankersley, Financial Secretary, Hailey Tammaro, Youth Group Leader
- ❖ For individuals who have physical, emotional, or spiritual needs, and their families and friends who care for them. For our homebound members: Alba Kessler, Delores LeComte, Don Michael, Fran Nelson, Don Suorsa

Saturday Prayer

- ❖ For the people of the Passavant Retirement and Health Center in Zelienople
- ❖ Give thanks for the time, talents, prayers, and funds that are donated to the ELCA Disaster Response which enable the ELCA to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bring the Good News to those who are suffering.

