

# The Shepherd's Pipe

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## Vicar's Note

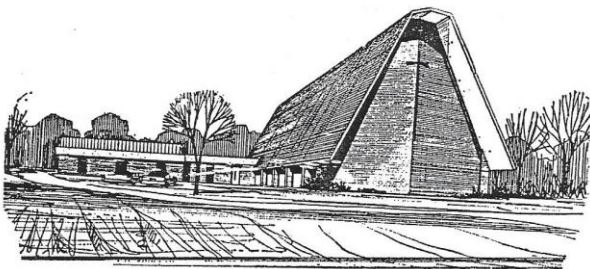
Grace and Peace to you, the family that is Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. As I have been thinking about all the new things that will be happening as we start this journey of internship together in August, I thought it might be appropriate to first offer you a brief introduction to your new intern.

My name is Chris Combs and I currently live in Cranberry Township with my wife of almost 21 years, Tawnya, and our 14-year-old son, Eric. I grew up in West Virginia and in the Lutheran Church, but found myself in Western PA for college, where I earned my degree in mechanical engineering and also met Tawnya. For most of these last 21 years, I worked in manufacturing here in Western PA.

Although the seeds were planted for this calling to ordained ministry quite a few years ago, it wasn't until 2017 that the call became real to me. The journey has been moving along quickly since then, beginning the candidacy process in the summer of 2017 and starting seminary that August. Now, after two years of seminary, I am excited to begin the next stage, internship, with you at Good Shepherd.

There are certainly many more details that I will be more than willing to share as we journey together and I am excited to get to know all of you as well. For now, I will be looking forward to starting the journey with you and worshipping with you on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

Peace,  
Vicar Chris



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
of New Castle

## A Note from Pastor Peggy

What an exciting adventure awaits us this year in a partnership between Vicar Chris, myself, Trinity Lutheran Church – Ellwood City, and you, the people of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. I am no stranger to many of you. Before Pastor Ellen Lundie was called as your pastor, I served as local interim pastor with you for three years between Pastor Erin and Pastor Ellen. Once again, I serve as your local interim pastor and Vicar Chris Combs' Internship Supervisor. Vicar Chris and I will be meeting weekly to discuss his internship and I will be present at least 4 times throughout the year with you for Sunday morning worship as well as attend monthly church council meetings. I will be present with Vicar Chris on Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> as together, we lead you in worship and start this new Spirit filled adventure. In many ways, Vicar Chris and I are a team and we look forward to working and serving together in Christ's name.

Together in the Journey,  
Pastor Peggy Suhr-Barkley



## **Thank You from The Suorsas**

Good Shepherd Family,  
Thank you so much for the monetary gift. We appreciate your continued prayers and support. Don continues to recover at home. Physical therapy comes for home visits twice a week. Recovery is slow but he continues to make some improvement. Thanks again for your generosity, it means so much to us.

Love,  
Don & Beth

## **Thank You from Irene Fracul**

To my church family,  
Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers, delicious dinner, cards, phone calls, and get well wishes. Hoping to see you all soon.

God Bless.  
Love,  
Irene Fracul

## **Our New Vicar**

Vicar Chris Combs will be starting his internship on August 1. Please join us to welcome him and his supervisor, Reverend Peggy Shur-Barkley, on August 4 at worship, which will be his first time leading us in our service. Following worship, please stay for a special fellowship time.

## **Outdoor Service & Picnic**

Please join us on Sunday, August 11 as we head outdoors for our service with a picnic afterward. Meat, corn on the cob and drinks will be provided. Please bring a tureen to share.

## **Council Meeting**

Our monthly Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 13 at 7:00 pm.

## **Best Wishes on Your Special Day in August:**

### **Happy Birthday!**

6 – Renee Laitinen  
7 – Amanda Babel  
9 – Nathan Morrison  
11 – Nick Mrozek  
Marcia Nagy  
Rachel Wills  
14 – Linda Marttala  
Steve Skuba  
17 – Ashlyn Bruno  
Ian Reeher  
22 – Carl Tammaro  
26 – Stephanie Cimini  
29 – Tiffany Maxwell  
30 – Eric Jones

### **Happy Anniversary!**

6 – Domenick and Terri Lombardo  
8 – Robert and Patricia Salmen  
13 – Adrian and Sandra Radziwon  
14 – Craig and Nadema Joki  
Steven and Tiffany Smeltzer  
18 – Fred and Darlene DeDominicis  
22 – Harold and Doris Laderer  
23 – Daniel and Diane Dantico  
24 – Daniel and Marcia Nagy

## **August Mission Project**

Our project for this month is collecting back-to-school supplies to fill school backpacks.

## **Soffit and Fascia Project**

If anyone has recommendations for someone who may be able to help work on this project, please let us know by calling the church office.

## **Pull Tab Challenge**

Pull tabs are still being collected for Thrivent's Pull Tab Challenge for the Ronald McDonald House. There is a box in the library where you may place them.

## **Committee Sign-Ups**

We are always looking for new committee members! Now is a great time to join!

- ❖ Worship and Music – Picks the music for worship and help to plan special events.
- ❖ Vision – Sometimes a catch-all committee, but always keeping the future of Good Shepherd as its number one focus.
- ❖ Fellowship – Plans events to share food and good times together.
- ❖ Outreach – NEW! Looks for ways to provide opportunities to connect with the community while fundraising to help support the church.

If you are interested in being a part of any of the committees listed, there is a sign-up sheet available on the narthex table or you may call the church office at (724) 654-8246.

## **Armed Intruder Training**

On Wednesday, August 14, experts from ALICE and Firestorm will show you how to spot key warning signs before a violent event occurs and how to increase your chance of survival if ever faced with an armed intruder. This event is hosted by Church Mutual Insurance Company and takes place from 8:30 am-12:30 pm at East Liberty Presbyterian Church, 16 S. Highland Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15206. Continental breakfast and lunch will be included. To register, visit <https://armedintruder12.eventbrite.com>. A password is required. Use this code to access registration: **CMIC**.

## **United Way Day of Caring**

The United Way Day of Caring to be held in New Castle on Thursday, September 5, 2019. This is an opportunity for individuals to participate in community service. There will be a breakfast and a brief program at Cascade Park from 8:00 to 9:15 a.m. Community service projects will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If interested, please stop in the church office for a sign-up form or call the United Way of Law. Co. at (724) 658-8528 or [uwlawcty@comcast.net](mailto:uwlawcty@comcast.net)

## **Baby Bottles of Money for the Alpha Omega Organization**

The money has not been sent in yet. If you still have a bottle you would like to turn in you may drop it in the offering plate or put it in the church office. We have collected \$352.75 so far. Let's see if we can't make it more!

## **Church Yard Sale**

Start putting those items together you don't want. See a neighbor put something out on the curb for free – grab it. Do you know anyone who is downsizing? Your items can be put in the Shepherd Center if you can't store them at your house. The annual yard sale and soup sale is happening this year on October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **Join Us for Zumba!**

Zumba is here at Good Shepherd! Please note that the time has changed to Wednesdays at 9:00 am for the summer months. The cost is \$4 and our instructor is Danielle Johns.

\*\*\* Please note that here will be NO Zumba class on Wednesday, August 21.

## **Fundraiser Opportunity**

Eastbrook Presbyterian Church has given us an opportunity to join them in working at games and concerts in Pittsburgh to raise money for our church. Our first group of volunteers worked at a Pirates game in the sweltering heat for a sell-out crowd that included a rain delay. They survived and are willing to go back, so come and join them to raise money for your church.

We had been given a deadline to get all of our paperwork done and seven people did that. We are now looking for a second round of people to complete the training to add more volunteers. Below, please find the links to the training you need to complete in order to volunteer. Black pants and black tennis shoes are the uniform.

Any questions can be directed to Diana Tervo, Linda Marttala or Curt and Ruth Johns

The links are:

### **ServSafe:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uw-lmSBj0EQ>

-The acknowledgment form is in the attachment with the NPO Documents. This form is to be signed and returned to us for course credit.

### **RAMP:**

-This training is renewed every 2 years.

**-When asked for the LID # please enter 48228 and send us a copy of your CERTIFICATE when training course is completed.**

[https://rservering.com/web/pscc\\_state.php?siteid=251&flag=bartender%20license&statecode=PA](https://rservering.com/web/pscc_state.php?siteid=251&flag=bartender%20license&statecode=PA)

\*IF you take the online RAMP- you must complete the attached "RAMP Employee Signature."  
**Please note that you must enter your name, date of birth, and last 4 digits of your social security number on the top. You will then initial all the dotted lines on the right hand side of the page and sign your name at the bottom.**

## **Council Highlights**

The Vision Committee will be looking into whether anyone who requested paper copies of *The Shepherd's Pipe* would like to provide an email address for other kinds of communications. If this

### **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS (Meeting was held on July 16, 2019)**

Fred DeDominicis reported that he has obtained over \$300.00 for Good Shepherd over the last two years by recycling aluminum cans and other metals. Thank you, Fred!

Rally Day at Good Shepherd will be on Sunday, September 8, 2019. The church service will be held indoors.

Thank you to Ruth Johns for cleaning the picnic shelter, picnic tables, and other outdoor areas with a power washer.

Pastor Peggy Suhr-Barkley reported that she treasured the three years that she served as Good Shepherd's interim pastor and she is happy she will be working with us again as the supervisor for Vicar Chris Combs. She stated that this is an exciting opportunity for our church to nurture a future pastor and serve as a teaching parish for Vicar Chris, who will be with us from August 1, 2019, until July 31, 2020. She reminded us that "the people" grow the church and that the church is in the people's hands. We need to invite people to come to our church.

Vicar Chris will not be permitted to preside at communion or perform baptisms and marriages.

Several people have completed online training so that they can earn money for Good Shepherd by working at concession stands at Heinz Field and PNC Park. It is not too late for additional people to complete the training. Members of the East Brook Presbyterian Church participate in this fundraiser for their church and are helping us get started in this project. Ruth and Curt Johns went to PNC Park on July 20, to work for the first time. We are currently planning to work at Pitt games at Heinz Field on Sat., Aug. 31, Sat., Sept. 7, Sat., Sept. 21, Sat., Sept. 28, Sat., Oct. 26, Thurs., Nov. 14, and Sat., Nov. 30, 2019. Other dates may be added. Any money we earn from this project will go into our pass-through account (PTA). We will decide what to do with the money at a later time.

The Vision Committee needs to look into whether anyone who requested paper copies of *The Shepherd's Pipe* would like to provide an email address for other kinds of messages. If this applies to you, please contact the church office.

The suggestion was made to put a long-range calendar in *The Shepherd's Pipe*, perhaps covering a period of one year.

Our next church council meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

### **COUNCIL MOTIONS:**

Terri Lombardo made a motion to accept the financial reports with corrections. Fred DeDominicis seconded. The motion carried.

Curtis Johns, Jr., made a motion to accept the minutes from the church council meetings on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, and Sunday, June 16, 2019. Curt Johns, Sr., seconded. The motion carried.

Terri Lombardo made a motion to accept all committee reports and Pastor Suhr-Barkley's report. Curt Johns, Sr., seconded. The motion carried.

A group of church members would like to form a new committee related to fundraising ideas. Curt Johns, Sr., made a motion to allow a new committee called the Outreach Committee to form for the purposes of bringing people into the church and raising money for the church. This committee will plan outreach events and report to the church council as per other committees. Curtis Johns, Jr., seconded. Terri Lombardo will act as a liaison between this committee and the church council. The motion carried.

Curt Johns, Sr., made a motion to allow the newly formed Outreach Committee to plan a yard sale, a dinner, a craft activity, a paint activity, and/or a Christmas event or activity. Terri Lombardo seconded. The motion carried.

## **Circles of Prayer for Mission**

Please pray for the members of Good Shepherd:

### **Daily Prayer**

- ❖ For Vicar Chris, in his 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
- ❖ Gracious God, all people are united in your mercy. Help us to see and understand our kinship in you and to celebrate together in worship.

### **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 members in their decision making for our congregation: Theresa Andrews, Fred DeDominicis, Brian Johns, Curtis Johns, Curt Johns, Terri Lombardo, Linda Marttala, Hailey Tamaro, 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 Tamaro, Youth Group Leader, and K'rin Fortuna, Secretary.
- ❖ 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, Kim Cook.

### **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.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

- AUGUST

- 1 Vicar Chris Combs joins us as our intern!
- 4 Vicar Chris and Rev. Peggy Suhr-Barkley lead our worship service --- Meet and greet fellowship after church
- 11 Outdoor Worship Service with picnic to follow. Bring a tureen. Meat, corn and drinks provided.
- 13 Church Council
- 14 Armed Intruder Training Provided by Church Mutual Insurance --- See office for details.
- 31 Volunteers working at Heinz Field

- SEPTEMBER

- 5 United Way Day of Caring
- 7 Volunteers working at Heinz Field
- 8 Rally Day Sunday
- 10 Church Council
- 21 Volunteers working at Heinz Field
- 28 Volunteers working at Heinz Field

- OCTOBER

- 4-5 Yard Sale
- 8 Church Council
- 26 Volunteers working at Heinz Field

- NOVEMBER

- 5 Outreach Election Day Bake Sale
- 12 Church Council
- 14 Volunteers working at Heinz Field
- 30 Volunteers working at Heinz Field

- DECEMBER

- ?? Decorate the church for Christmas
- 10 Church Council
- ?? Children's Christmas Program followed by Luncheon
- 24 Christmas Eve Service
- 25 CHRISTMAS

Zumba is currently being held every Wednesday at 9AM in the Shepherd Center.

Committee meeting dates and events will be added as they are planned. Keep checking back for updates!

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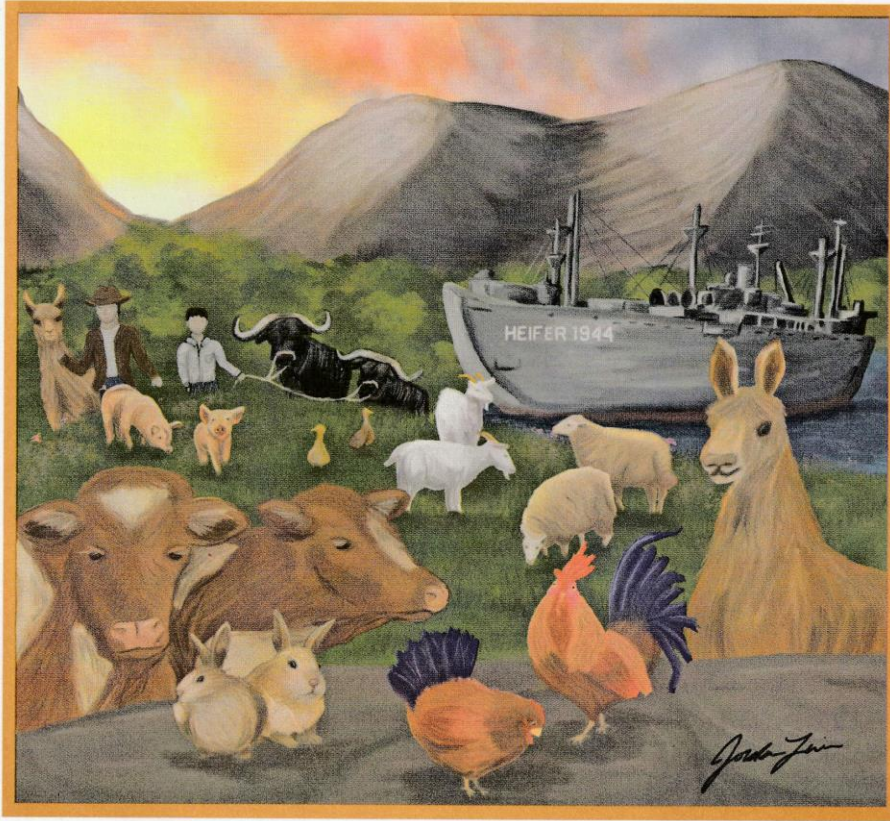
# NWPA & SWPA WOMEN OF THE ELCA WEEKEND RETREAT AT CAMP LUTHERLYN

*Psalm 95:1-2 Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. <sup>2</sup>Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.*

PRAISE PRAY PLAY



SEPTEMBER 13-15, 2019



**HEIFER INTERNATIONAL GRATEFULLY RECOGNIZES**  
*Good Shepherd Lutheran Church*

*For serving the Lord through faith efforts and exercising your gifts and donations to end hunger and poverty. This congregation has richly blessed families in need with gifts of livestock and agriculturally sound training to help families become self-reliant.*

.....  
*"He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward him for what he has done."*

**PROVERBS 19:17**

*Pierre M. Fenari*  
Heifer President & CEO

Presented this  
10th day of July, 2019

