



The Shepherd's Pipe



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Council Meetings

We would like to remind you that meetings are open to anyone who is interested in joining us. If you would like to be included, please call the church office and leave a message to let us know. **This month's council meeting will be on Tuesday, August 9th at 7:00 pm.**

Emergency Contact

If you have an emergency and aren't able to get in touch with anyone by calling the church office, please call or email Pastor Wil Goetze. He can be reached at 724-316-8107 or wgoetze@zoominternet.net

Additions to Newsletter

Do you have something to publish in The Shepherd's Pipe? Please have any submissions into the church office by **Monday, August 22nd**.

For Rent

If you or you know someone who is in need of a large place to hold a party or a meeting, consider your church social hall. For non-members, the rent is only \$100. If using the kitchen facilities, it is \$125. We have had family get-togethers, business meetings and birthday parties take place in the hall this year. There is plenty of room to spread out and have some fun!

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to spruce up our church property. Some of the work has been done but there is much more to do! Look around and see what needs to be done. Some examples of the tasks that need to be completed are as follows: weed whacking, trimming with a push mower, and bush trimming. Thanks in advance for your help!

Outdoor Services

We will be worshipping at the Picnic Pavilion (weather permitting) the first Sunday of July, August, and September. We will sit at the picnic tables but feel free to bring a lawn chair!

Best Wishes on Your Special Day to our Members and Friends of GSLC:

Happy Birthday!

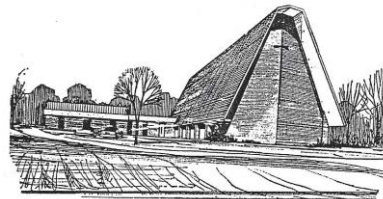
- 1 – Nick Mrozek
- 14 – Linda Marttala
- 17 – Ashlyn Bruno
- 22 – Carl Tammaro
- 26 – Stephanie Cimini
- 29 – Tiffany Maxwell

Happy Anniversary!

- 6 – Dominick and Terri Lombardo
- 13 – Adrian and Sandra Radziwon
- 14 – Steven and Tiffany Smeltzer
- 18 – Fred and Darlene DeDominicis

Communion Signup Sheet

All who attend Sunday services are asked to please sign the sheet on the table in the Narthex. This will help us know who has communed to maintain our records for the Synod. Thank You!



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Our Mission - *We, the congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, New Castle, Pennsylvania, are called by God, baptized into Christ Jesus, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Because of God's great love shown us in the gift of his Son, we are bound together in love. Therefore, we make disciples of Jesus Christ through teaching, worshipping, witnessing, and serving.*

Please Reach Out

We are asking you to please pray for, send a Thinking of You card, or contact our current homebound members:

Hahn, Linda
Quality Life Services
520 Friendship St.
New Castle, PA 16101

Metzger, Bertha
Haven Convalescent Home
725 Paul Street
New Castle, PA 16101

Nelson, John W. & Frances
724-658-2579
1810 Morris Street
New Castle, PA 16102

Suorsa, Donald & Beth
724-654-9063
724-944-4982 cell
796 Eastbrook-Harlansburg Road
New Castle, PA 16101

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the yard sale/bake sale/soup sale. Our grand total for all of our efforts as of 7/25/22 is \$4,089.14. I especially would like to thank Linda Marttala for applying for a Thrivent Grant that enabled us to get over the four thousand dollar mark. Our efforts will be valued by ARISE (formerly known as the Women's Shelter), as they will be receiving a tithe of the total. The balance will be deposited into the Roof Fund.

Ruth Johns

Mission Project

Our Mission Project donations for the months of July, August and September will be given to the Red Cross. Please designate "Red Cross" on your offering envelope for the amount you wish to donate or use an envelope on the Narthex table.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers have increased in price to \$25 per vase.

Devotional Resources

Good Shepherd has pocket size copies of *Portals of Prayer* available on the information rack by the steps leading to the balcony. *Portals of Prayer* is also available electronically on Kindle and iBooks. Apps are also available for Apple and Android. Note that all these options require a subscription. Some other resources that you might be interested in:

- *Our Daily Bread* - Apps are available or you can sign up on-line for a daily e-mail at <https://odb.org/> — This is a free resource.
- A daily Bible verse can be sent to you from DailyVerses.net — You can sign-up for this to be e-mailed to you or you can find them on Facebook and Twitter. This is a free resource.
- <https://www.biblegateway.com/> — Bible Gateway is another free resource where you can look-up bible verses from a variety of translations. If you create an account, you can also sign-up for delivery of a verse of the Day or for a number of devotionals, including a 40 day Journey with Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a daily passage from the writings of C.S. Lewis, as well as a number of other devotionals geared toward men, women, or families and many others. You can see a listing at <https://www.biblegateway.com/devotionals/>

Cancelled Stamp Collection

The goal is to support the Lutheran World Relief "Stamporee" project, which provided for shipping of gifts, kits and clothing to those in need around the world. Anyone can contribute by saving used envelopes having cancelled stamps on them. When trimming stamps from the envelopes, remember to allow at least ¼" or more around each edge of the stamp. If not, they are discarded. All stamps are accepted; however, Commemorative stamps are worth more. Ask friends, relatives or co-workers to participate in this worth while project. The stamp collection box is on the counter in church library.

Pop Can Collection

A reminder that we are continuing to collect pop can tabs which are given to the VFW, who in turn process them for lodging and food for families of children that are in Children's Hospital. Any donations can be left by the main doors or in the library. They will be collected and processed appropriately.

Council Highlights – Meeting held July 12th, 2022

- This meeting was held virtually via Zoom.
- These minutes will be approved at the August Council Meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- Terri Lombardo made the motion to accept Evy Amerson as treasurer. Jodi Tammaro seconded. The motion carried.
- Linda Marttala made a motion to approve the financial reports from June 2022. Fred DeDominicis seconded. The motion carried.

CHURCH MATTERS:

- Butz Flowers increased their price to \$25 per vase of flowers.
- Letters were sent out to the two churches in Prospect and Zelienople that we are interested in sharing a pastor with. We are waiting for a response.

WORSHIP:

- There will be a baptism on July 24th led by Pastor Kirk Bish

PROPERTY:

- There is a leak in one of the toilets in the ladies room. Chuck Kennedy will look into fixing it.
- Chuck and Shirley met with exterminators about the bats in the church. They sat outside the church two evenings in a row to try to see where the bats were entering, but did not see anything. We will call the exterminators back to see what the next step is.
- The lights by the main entrance have been turning on during the day. Fred will look into adjusting them.
- Keith Kuttesch made the motion to accept the Central Heating and Plumbing bid for fixing the boiler pending the congregation's approval. Jodi Tammaro seconded. The motion carried.

INTERIM PASTOR'S REPORT:

- Pastor Goetze virtually attended the 2022 Synod Assembly last month.
- Pastor Goetze will meet with Pastor Snyder about the relationship between our two churches and how we can work together in the community.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The yard sale will be on July 16th and 23rd. We will decide what to do with what is left over at a later date.
- There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, July 17th after church to discuss the approval of the boiler bid.

NEW BUSINESS:

- We will look into fixing the swing set outside of the church.

Special Congregational Meeting – July 17th, 2022

- Fred DeDominicis made the motion to approve the bid of \$2,617 from Central Heating and Plumbing to fix the boiler. Chuck Kennedy seconded. The motion carried.

Circles of Prayer for Mission

Please pray for the members of Good Shepherd:

Daily Prayer

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ We pray for our interim, Pastor Wil Goetze, as he shepherds us with his many talents.

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 Joe Biden, 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: Fred DeDominicis, Ruth Johns, Terri Lombardo, Linda Marttala, Shirley Mazzocca, Hailey Tammaro, Terri Tankersley, Jodi Tammaro, Chuck Kennedy, and Keith Kuttesch.
- ❖ 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 Jack Lynn, 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, and 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 and their caregivers: Linda Hahn, Fran Nelson, Don Suorsa, and Bertha Metzger.

Saturday Prayer

- ❖ For the people of the Passavant Retirement and Health Center in Zeligople.
- ❖ 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.

