

The Shepherd's Pipe

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Pastor's Note

You are loved!

You have talents gifted by the Holy Spirit!

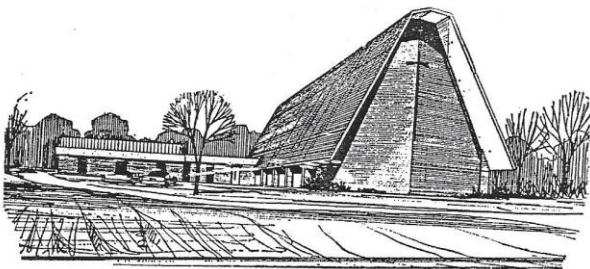
We need you!

Looking for ways to use your talents and help out at Good Shepherd? Each week we need people to provide leadership through being a lector, communion assistant, altar guild, offering counter, and acolyte. Let me know if you would like to volunteer in this way!

The Fellowship and Vision committees are looking for new members. Keep an eye out for Vision meeting dates and Fellowship events that need your time and talents.

Thank you for all the gifts you share!

Peace,
Pastor Ellen



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
of New Castle

Thank You!

A heartfelt thanks is given from the staff for the Staff Christmas gifts that were given this year! It is an honor to minister together with you!

Together on the journey,
Evy Amerson, Ruth Johns, Pastor Ellen, Terri Tankersley, and Grover Welsh

Mark Your Calendar Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, March 5

Join us on Tuesday, March 5, 4:30-6:30 pm in the Shepherd Center for pancakes and sausage to share in a special time of fellowship before Lent begins. Please invite your family and friends! Free will donations will be received to help cover expenses. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, cooking, and clean-up. Diana Braun is making a pinata filled with candy and prizes for youth to break as part of the Mardi Gras celebration.

Ash Wednesday Worship Services, March 6

Two Worship Opportunities at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm.

Pastor Ellen will conduct a Spoken Service with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion at both services.

Youth Group

An evening of fun and faith on Sunday, February 10 from 7-8 pm. Contact Hailey Tammaro 724 674-6296, Youth Group Leader for ways to get involved.

February Mission Project

February, you are invited to take a paper grocery bag, decorate it, write a note, and fill the bag with non-perishable food for a meal. The bags can be decorated with a Valentine's Day theme or another of your choosing. At the end of February, we will donate the bags to the City Rescue Mission. Food ideas include: pancake mix, syrup, canned soup, crackers, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, oatmeal, pasta, and spaghetti sauce.

Coming Up: Lent Special Offering

ELCA Good Gifts

This year we will be collecting funds for God's Global Barnyard through the ELCA Good Gifts campaign. We'll be raising money to help those in need around the world have resources like chicks, pigs, or even a cow! Stay tuned for more information!

Council Highlights

- Election: One candidate was nominated for each of the offices of President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary. Terri Lombardo made a motion to accept the nominees and cast a unanimous ballot. Terri Tankersley seconded. The motion carried.
- President – Brian Johns
- Vice-President – Terri Lombardo
- Recording Secretary of GSLC Council – Linda Marttala
- Treasurer – Ruth Johns
- Terri Tankersley – Financial Secretary
- At Bishop Kusserow's request, Ruth Johns submitted three years of Good Shepherd's financial reports to Sara Lee-Faulkner, Assistant to the Bishop. The Bishop's office contacted Ruth to say that they will look at our financial information during the week of January 14, 2019. They will then contact our Church Council President, Brian Johns.
- PennDOT has requested that we sign up for an email account related to our participation in the Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup program. We chose April 7, 2019, as our next Cleanup Day, with April 28, 2019, as a rain date.
 - The following Mission Projects have been chosen for 2019:
 1. January 13 to February 24 – Grocery Bag Fill-up Project (We hope that each family at Good Shepherd will place canned and boxed food items constituting a complete meal in at least one decorated grocery bag to be donated to the New Castle City Rescue Mission.)
 2. March and April (including the Lenten Special Offering) – ELCA Good Gifts
 3. May - Baby Bottle Blessing Project for Alpha Omega - Pastor Lundie will contact Alpha Omega to get the necessary materials.
 4. June, July, August – Collecting Back-to-School items to be donated to various charities
 5. September – Meals on Wheels
 6. October and November – Thanksgiving Food Drive
 7. December – Advent Special Offering to support the Ronald McDonald House Charity

Report for January 2019 Services

Sunday	Attendance	Offerings to General
6	28	1,264
13	31	2,909
20	No Service	
27	30	1,097

To meet our 2019 budget we need to receive \$2,612 in General Funds per week or 10,488 for January. In January we had a total of 5,270 for a minus -5,218 for the month of January.

February Birthdays Happy Birthday!

3- Douglas Boyer
Jenna Lane-McLaren
Kimberly Cook
5- Barbara Dess
Robyn Reeher
8- Jacob Spor
10- Michelle Wills Summerville
11- Robert Mrozek
12- Cindy Eve
Michael List
13- Grover Welsh
15- Fran Nelson
17- Christian Vanassa
18- Brenda Eagan Brown
Harry Ratvasky
20- Marti Marchette
21- Ardith Regdon
22- Michael Mrozek
24- Terri Tankersley
25- Shirley Hattula
John Nelson
28- Gregory Summerville

February Anniversaries Happy Anniversary!

3- Jacob and Jennifer Spor
6- Gary and Michelle Holtzapple
14- Rev. Thomas and Delores McCurdy

Community Church Women World Day of Prayer Lunch

Friday, March 1, 2019

The luncheon will take place at Gallos Italian Villa Restaurant, 2420 Wilmington Road. Please park in the rear and use the back door. Cost is \$10 payable at the luncheon. Speaker and Special Music by Rev. Gene Gardiner. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the main entrance hallway. Deadline for reservations is Sunday, February 24.

About Community Church Women

All women of the church and their friends are invited to come and join us for an uplifting time together with the Community Church Women. It is a Christian group of women from New Castle and the surrounding areas that meets three times a year: March's World Day of Prayer, May's World Fellowship Day, and November's World Community Day. There is singing, fellowship, and an inspirational speaker. A collection is taken to assist those who have a need. A written letter from two individuals who attend the meetings can submit a person's need to the board for disbursement from the fund. A money donation is given at the end of the year to three non-profits in the community.



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 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
- ❖ 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

