

# The Shepherd's Pipe

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## Pastor's Note

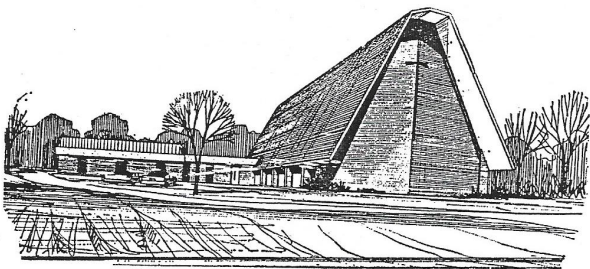
Yearly reminder: there is no resolution that if kept will make you more worthy of love.

You as your real self, not some ideal made-up self, are already worthy.

Nadia Bolz-Weber, theologian and Lutheran pastor, shared these words at the New Year. I think they are words we all need to hear, especially at this time of year. The ads for weight loss and gym memberships are in full force. We're encouraged to set lofty goals that might be forgotten in months or days. But through it all, any changes made or resolutions kept or abandoned, we are already worthy, claimed, loved, and redeemed by God.

Happy New Year!

Peace,  
Pastor Ellen



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
of New Castle

## Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Advent and Christmas activities! Many hands decorated, cleaned, and welcomed visitors to Good Shepherd.

## Installation of 2019 Church Council Members

Our 2019 Church Council Members will be installed on Sunday, January 6 during worship. Members of council are: Theresa Andrews, Fred DeDominicis, Brian Johns, Curt Johns, Curt Johns, Terri Lombardo, Linda Marttala, Hailey Tamaro, Terri Tankersley, Diana Tervo, Barbara Turk, and Grover Welsh. Thank you to Shirley Mazzocca and Dave Michael who finished their terms on council in 2018!

## Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 27, 2019 immediately following our 10:30 am worship service. Please attend as we review 2018.

## Annual Reports

Reports to be included in the Annual Book of Reports for our congregation are due January 13.

## Breakfast with Santa



Thank you to all involved with the Breakfast with Santa! It was a wonderful morning of fun and fellowship!

## Youth Group

An evening of fun and faith on Sunday,  
January 13 from 7-8 pm.

## Vision Committee

Join the Vision Committee on Tuesday  
January 15.

## Family Paint

Good Shepherd is hosting a paint night lead by Casey's Creations on January 19 from 2-4:30 pm. The cost is \$35/person and includes all material needed to make the Believe Snowman Canvas. Consider making this experience a Christmas gift. Tickets are available at Mrozek Financial weekdays from 9-5 (2210 West State Street New Castle, PA 16101). Or call 724-658-6392 for more information. All tickets must be purchased in advance so we have an accurate count for materials.

## Congratulations!

Brian and Danielle Johns and big brother, Carter, welcomed Mackenzie Hannah Johns, 6 pounds and 19 inches, on December 30, 2018 at 6:14 pm. Grandparents are Curt and Ruth Johns.



## Happy Birthday!

January Birthdays:

- 2- Delores McCurdy
- 4- Donetta Andrews
- 5- Jarrod Price
- 6- Nicole Davis  
Matthew Michael  
Catherine Spor
- 11- Brian Ratvasky
- 15- Annalise Cook
- 22- Susan Bender
- 23- Leslie Calhoun
- 26- Joshua Boyer  
Brandon Johns  
Vickie McConnell
- 28- Wendy Braun
- 30- Corina Andrews  
Brandon Ratvasky

## Happy Anniversary

January Anniversaries:

- 10- Aaron and Kristan Tervo
- 21- James and Mary Ann Burick





## 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, Linda Martala, Shirley Mazzocca, Dave Michael, 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
- ❖ 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 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.