

The Shepherd's Pipe

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An Independence Day Prayer

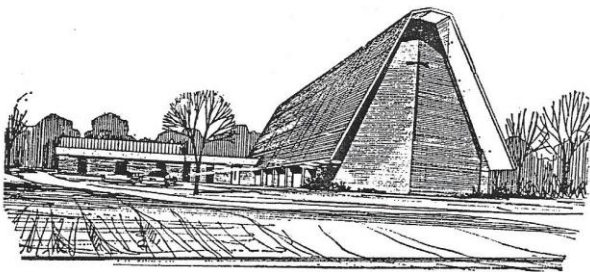
Lord Jesus, thou art the way, the truth and the life; hear us as we pray for the truth that shall make all free. Teach us that liberty is not only to be loved but also to be lived. Liberty is too precious a thing to be buried in books. It costs too much to be hoarded. Help us see that our liberty is not the right to do as we please, but to opportunity to please to do what is right.

-Peter Marshall before U.S. Senate



One flag,
One heart,
One hand,
One Nation
Evermore!

-Oliver Wendell Holmes



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
of New Castle

Best Wishes on Your Special Day in July:

Happy Birthday!

- 1 – Terri Lombardo
- 2 – Jeremiah Weber
- 4 – Amy Braho
- 7 – Mike Linz, Sr.
Kate Tervo
- 9 – Jim Mowrey
Diana Tervo
- 10 – Raymond Braun
Mitchell French
- 11 – Bill Snyder
- 12 – John Hattula
Michael Roberts
- 15 – Isabella Andrews
Chuck Houk
- 16 – Mary Ann Burick
- 17 – Michelle Dale Plaufcan
- 19 – Beau French
Joey Mrozek
- 22 – Joseph Iorio
- 23 – Theresa Andrews
Madison Byler
- 24 – Ok Joo Kline
Richard Ratvasky II
- 25 – Linda Hahn
- 27 – Eric Eagan
- 30 – Madison Hicks
Bria Westrick

Happy Anniversary!

- 1 – Richard and Terri Tankersley
- 2 – Gary and Amanda Buckel
- 4 – Bill and Kristen Snyder
- 20 – Mark and Lauren DeRiggi
Jim and Rosina Mowrey
- 28 – Brian and Danielle Johns
- 29 – Kevin and Cristy Nagy

Thank You

To Diana Braun for faithful and creative teaching in 2018-2019.

To Carl Turk for many years dedicated to the care of Good Shepherd's lawn, including mowing.

To Carl and Barb Turk for clearing brush away from the property.

Outdoor Service

Please join us on Sunday, July 14 as we head outdoors for our service.

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.

Lawn Maintenance

We are currently looking for someone that is able to mow the grass. Thank you to Carl Turk who as retired from this position.

Pastoral Emergencies

For the month of July, in case of pastoral emergency, contact Pastor Peggy Suhr-Barkley, local interim at (724) 316-5373.

Our New Vicar

Vicar Chris Combs will begin his internship on Thursday, August 1. His first Sunday at Good Shepherd will be August 4.

Council Meeting

Our monthly Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 16 at 7:00 pm.

Synod Assembly Recap

128 pastors, 6 deacons, 194 lay voting members, and 42 guests came together for the 32nd Annual Synod Assembly of the SWPA Synod ELCA at California University of Pennsylvania in California, PA June 13-15. We recognized the 50th anniversary of ordination for Rev. E. Allen Scanlon and ordained Rev. Eric Damon into the ministry of word and sacrament. The Rev. Kurt F. Kusserow, Synod Bishop, was also re-elected for another term. Good Shepherd thanks Rev. Ellen Lundie, Shirley Mazzocca and Grover Welsh for attending on our behalf.

Good Gifts Mission Project

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Good Gifts Mission Project. We raised a total of \$600 and through your generosity, we were able to purchase a cow for \$500. In addition, we spent \$30 for a solar-powered lantern, \$10 for 10 chicks, \$50 for a goat, and \$10 for a clinic visit for a child. God's Work – Our Hands.

Election Day Bake Sale

Thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time and baked goods for the sale in May. We were able to raise \$250.75 for the Soffit and Fascia fund.

Baby Bottle Drive

We are still accepting donations for the Alpha Omega baby bottle drive until Sunday, July 7.

July Mission Project

Our project for July and through the rest of summer is collecting back-to-school supplies to fill school backpacks.

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.

Council Highlights

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

For May 2019: Financial Secretary Terri Tankersley and Treasurer Ruth Johns reports. Terri Lombardo made a motion to accept the financial reports. Hailey Tammaro seconded. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Brian Johns and Fred DeDominicis are working to obtain bids for our Soffit and Fascia project.

Diana Tervo will obtain website information so that interested members and friends of Good Shepherd can complete online training and earn money for the church by working at Pittsburgh Pirates and preseason Pittsburgh Steelers games. This information will be published in a future edition of the Shepherd's Pipe.

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
- ❖ 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 member in their decision making for our congregation: Theresa Andrews, Fred DeDominicis, Brian Johns, Curtis Johns, Curt Johns, Terri Lombardo, Linda Marttala, 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, 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, and 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.

