



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, July 13th at 7:00 pm.**

Help Recording Services

We are currently in the process of upgrading our video and audio services but we are in need of helpers at each service to turn on/off the computer, cameras, etc. If you are interested in helping or know someone who is, please contact the church office and leave a message for K'rin.

Altar Flowers

If you are interested in purchasing a vase, the cost is \$18. There is a sign-up sheet for July available in the hallway or you may also call the church office and leave a message with the date and the message you would like printed in the bulletin. Later months will be posted and announced when they are available.

July Mission Project

Our current mission project for the month of July is collecting back-to-school supplies for the Shenango Area School District.

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 23rd.

Pop Can Collection

Money has been collected from donated aluminum cans and metals since July 2019 by Fred DeDominicis. Donations were made by Harold & Doris Laderer, Carl & Barb Turk, John & Fran Nelson, Fred & Darlene DeDominicis, Shirley Mazzocca, and other members, neighbors, and friends. The total collected is \$346.78 and will be added to the Roof Fund.

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

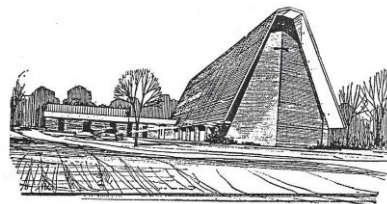
Happy Birthday!

- 1 – Terri Lombardo
- 2 – Jeremiah Weber
- 3 – Charles Kennedy
- 7 – Mike Linz, Sr.
Kate Tervo
- 9 – Jim Mowrey
Diana Tervo
- 10 – Raymond Braun
Mitchell French
- 11 – Bill Snyder
- 15 – Isabella Andrews
- 16 – Mary Ann Burick
- 19 – Beau French
Joey Mrozek
- 23 – Theresa Andrews
Madison Byler
- 24 – Richard Ratvasky II
- 25 – Linda Hahn
- 27 – Eric Eagan
- 30 – Madison Hicks
Bria Westrick

Happy Anniversary!

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

Our Mission



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
of New Castle

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.

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.

Please Reach Out

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

Kessler, Alba
724-535-7303
PO Box 12
West Pittsburg, PA 16160

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

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

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

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/>

** Portals of Prayer are now available for July through September. If you would like a copy, please call the church office and let K'rin know.



CHURCH YARD SALE—JULY 17TH

We realize the yard sale is usually in the fall but this past year plus has been anything but usual, so we are having it this month. The vaccines are working and the cases right now are down so why not give it a go July 17th?

Worship Services

Each of you are invited to review the precautions that Good Shepherd is implementing and determine if returning to in-person worship is reasonable for you and your situation. We also ask for understanding among our Good Shepherd family for those whose decisions about returning may be different from our own.

As you consider what will be your best option for worship, please keep in mind that Good Shepherd continues to live-stream the Sunday Morning worship service virtually.

The precautions to be implemented for resuming in-person worship are as follows:

- All are asked to wear masks while inside the building. We will wear masks to protect each other.
- Social distancing is expected to be maintained. Pews will be taped off to help maintain social distance. Additionally, we ask that worshippers sit in the same pew as they return to worship in subsequent weeks. Pews will be marked with names to aid in this. Space will also be identified for visitors.
- Singing and corporate speaking will be allowed because of the expectations for masks to be worn and distance to be maintained.
- Hymnals, paper, pencils, etc. will be removed from the pews. However, Bulletins containing Liturgy and hymns will be distributed.
- Doors will be opened so that each person will not need to open the doors. This will reduce touching of a common surface. Entry and exit will be through the main entrance and through the side parking lot entrance.
- A hand sanitizing station will be centrally located in the narthex. Worshippers are encouraged to use this station as they enter the worship space. Other items normally in the narthex will be removed to discourage congregating in this space before or after worship.
- The worship leader will take care of the readings as well as the lighting and extinguishing of the candles. There will be no lector or acolyte taking care of these items.
- Passing the peace will remain corporate, no individual sharing of the peace.
- An offering plate will be placed in a central location. The offering plates will not be passed. Electronic giving through Zelle is encouraged.
- Rather than providing a paper prayer list in the narthex, time will be included in the Prayers of Intercession for people to offer their petitions silently or aloud.
- Holy Communion: upon entering the Sanctuary, you will find small bags containing wafers and lidded cups containing wine on a table at the rear of the church. Please take these with you to your seats. You will not be asked to come up to the altar for communion.
- A record of who attended each weekly worship service will be maintained. In the event that someone determines that they have COVID-19, this will allow the people who could have been exposed to be notified.

In addition to these precautions, we ask that anyone who is not feeling well or is experiencing fever or other symptoms of illness, please remain home so as to protect your neighbor. ***We recognize that things, both in and out of our control, could change. Should any changes be made, this will be communicated as quickly as possible.***

Council Highlights – Meeting held June 8, 2021

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

CHURCH MATTERS:

- We reviewed the Spectrum Audio Productions bid for new live streaming technology. We are going to think and pray about it until the next meeting and look for someone to help us livestream.
- We are going to go back to in-person offering counters. We are in search of one more volunteer to count money. This will begin in July.
- We are also going to allow lectors to read in service.
- Fred DeDominicis made the motion to go back to in-person offering counters and lectors. Jodi Tammaro seconded. The motion carried.

- Ruth Johns made the motion to tith 10% of our earnings from the yard sale to Meals on Wheels and put the rest of the proceeds to the Building Project Fund.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH GROUP:

- Hailey Tammaro and Scott Hughes will lead Young Adult Bible Study Sunday, June 13th at 7:00 in the outdoor picnic shelter.

PROPERTY:

- The roof is leaking in several places.
- Fred and Darlene DeDominicis, Shirley Mazzocca, and Carl and Barbara Turk cleaned the picnic shelter.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Shirley Mazzocca talked to the principal of Shenango Elementary School to discuss what the school needed (paper, pencils, notebooks, erasers, crayons, binders). This is our June and July mission project. The Women's Shelter is the August and September mission project, and they are in need of blankets, towels, and/or monetary donations. The October and November mission project is the City Rescue Mission and they will send us a letter describing what they need. The December mission project is the Red Cross and they are in need of monetary donations.
- Ruth Johns made the motion to extend Pastor Goetze's current contract another three months. Shirley Mazzocca 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, Michonda Weber, 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 and their caregivers: Alba Kessler, Fran Nelson, Don Suorsa, and Bertha Metzger.

Saturday Prayer

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

