



# 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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, July 25<sup>th</sup>**.

## 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. We are planning our first outdoor service for July 3<sup>rd</sup> so the picnic shelter needs to be cleaned as well. Please talk to Fred if you can help him with that task. Thanks in advance for your help!

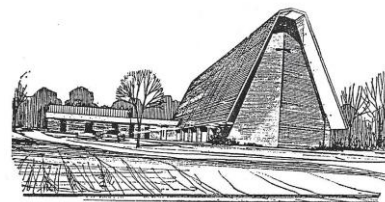
## Best Wishes on Your Special Day to our Members and Friends of GSLC:

### Happy Birthday!

- 1 – Terri Lombardo
- 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
- 29 – Kevin and Cristy Nagy



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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

## Indoor Yard Sale

Once again, to try to raise money to pay off some of the roof expense, we are looking to hold a yard sale this year. The sale will be held on July 16<sup>th</sup> and July 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are now accepting and organizing items for the sale. Please call Ruth Johns if you want her to open the Shepherd Center or need to arrange for a pickup of items (724-657-4733). You can volunteer to help put out items by calling Ruth. Volunteers are coordinated so that only a few are helping at a time to minimize contact with others. If you are comfortable working the day of the sale please let Ruth know. Another way you could help the church is by helping us advertise the yard sale. We will be advertising the yard sale on our Facebook page. It would be very much appreciated if you would take the time to share the post with your Facebook friends. Thanks!

## Bake Sale/Soup Sale

This will be held on July 16<sup>th</sup> and July 23<sup>rd</sup> during the yard sale. Items for the bake sale are needed as well as monetary donations to help pay for the ingredients of the soups that are being made by some of our members.

## 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](http://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/>

## Good News!

Pastor Goetze will continue to be our Interim Pastor through the month of September. We appreciate his dedication and service to our congregation.

## Outdoor Services

We will be worshipping at the Picnic Pavilion (weather permitting) the first Sunday of July, August, and September. Our first service will be July 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will sit at the picnic tables but feel free to bring a lawn chair!

## 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!

## **Congregational Meeting**

A Congregational meeting will be held directly after the church service on July 17<sup>th</sup> at approximately 11:45am. This meeting is to approve the amount of \$2,617.00 to repair the boiler pump that is leaking. This bid was made by Central Heating. Council is seeking other bids as well. This will be an in person meeting however Zoom information will be available for those who want to attend virtually. If you would like to contribute to the boiler repair you may include it with your offering. Be sure to designate what portion you would like to go toward this fund. You can also use the envelopes on the table in the Narthex.

## **Thank You!**

Bertha Metzger would like to thank the members who sent cards to help celebrate her 95th birthday. She appreciates your thoughtfulness. Also, thank you for the altar flowers she received on June 19th. They were beautiful and helped brighten her day.

## **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.

## **Congratulations Graduates!**

- Congratulations to Ashlyn Bruno on her high school graduation from Shenango HS. "Beanie" as we know her, will continue her education studying Medical Imaging at Slippery Rock University. Ashlyn is the daughter of Amy Gray and Andy Bruno.
- Congratulations to Caden Cook on his graduation from Shenango HS. Caden will continue his education studying Sports Management at Indiana University of PA. Caden is the son of Kimberly Cook.

## **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 June 21st, 2022**

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

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

- The water bill is increasing to 113 gallons a day. We will need to monitor this.
- Linda Marttala made the motion to accept the financial reports. Terri Lombardo seconded. The motion carried.

### **CHURCH MATTERS:**

- Terri Lombardo made the motion to extend Pastor Goetze's contract for three more months until September. Keith Kuttesch seconded. The motion carried.
- Ruth Johns will be resigning as treasurer at the end of July. We will form an audit committee of Keith Kuttesch and Chuck Kennedy and look for a replacement.
- Terri Lombardo made the motion to collect money for the Red Cross for the July, August, and September mission project. Jodi Tammaro seconded. The motion carried.

### **WORSHIP:**

- We will have a signup sheet in the narthex to write down when you take communion so we have an accurate communion record.

### **PROPERTY:**

- The roof is now complete and everything is paid for.
- We got a bid from Central Heating and Plumbing to fix the boiler for \$2,617. We will hold a congregational meeting on July 17th to approve the repairs for the boiler since the price would exceed the 2% expenditures.
- We have both bats and mice in the church. We will look into getting a bid for an exterminator.

### **INTERIM PASTOR'S REPORT:**

- Pastor Goetze wrote a letter template to send to the councils of neighboring churches, St. John's of Connoquenessing and Emanuel in Prospect, looking to share pastors with another congregation.
- Pastor Goetze will reach out to Pastor Snyder from St. John's Lutheran Church in New Castle to possibly meet about joining with Good Shepherd for potential charity work.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- The missing petty cash from the office has returned.
- Linda Marttala reached out to the Thrivent Action Team for a grant of \$250 for the yard sale. It was approved. We will use the money to cover advertising costs, purchase of signs, bake sale items to sell, and project supplies such as paper plates, plastic wrap, cardboard, markers, and tape.
- Keith Kuttesch made the motion to tithe 10% of the income from the yard sale to Arise (Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County). Fred DeDominicis seconded. The motion carried.
- The yard sale and bake/soup sale will be July 16th and 23rd. Proceeds from the yard sale will go toward the roofing fund.

## **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 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.

