

The Shepherd's Pipe

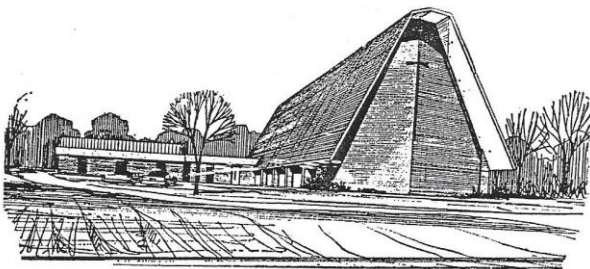
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Congratulations to the Following 2019 Graduates!

- ❖ Veronica Rice – Shenango High School
- ❖ Analise Cook – Shenango High School
- ❖ Donetta Andrews – Butler County Community College
- ❖ Hailey Tammaro – Westminster College

On Sunday, June 16, we will honor the graduates during our church service.



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
of New Castle

Pastor's Note

Dear friends in Christ,
It is time for me to say farewell and Godspeed. I will lead my final worship service with this congregation and complete my ministry in this call on June 30. As we are now down to weeks left in my call as your pastor, I say my goodbyes and thank yous.

I thank you, the members and friends of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, for the love and support you have shown me while I have ministered among you.

I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted.

I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

From An Order of Farewell, United Methodist Church

If there is anything you need to talk to me about before we end our pastoral relationship, please let me know and I will set aside time. When a pastor accepts a call to a congregation, a sacred covenant is established between the pastor and the people of God in that place. When a pastor resigns a call, the covenant ends. I will no longer be available to you for any pastoral needs. I will continue to pray for you and your future ministry leaders, including Vicar Chris Combs.

I can share that I am in a call process with a congregation in our synod. I am not able to tell you the name of the congregation quite yet, but I may have news to share before my call at Good Shepherd comes to an end. I will absent from worship on June 23 for a call vote and ask for your prayers.

Farewell and thank you for
our ministry together,
Pastor Ellen

Best Wishes on Your Special Day in June:

Happy Birthday!

June 1 – Sandra Kline
June 3 – James Burick
June 4 – Amy Spor
June 5 – Ruth Ratvasky
June 7 – Amanda Johns
June 10 – Richard Ratvasky II
June 12 – Dalton Brown
 Caden Cook
June 13 – Kylee Bruno French
June 14 – Ava DeRiggi
 Robby Mrozek
 Jodi Tammaro
June 15 – Craig Joki
June 16 – D. Michael Roberts
June 18 – Brian Kuttesch
June 19 – Adam Kliem
June 20 – Aurora Skuba
June 24 – Nicholas Cimini
 Lily McConnell
June 26 – Don Michael
 Joan Milnes
June 29 – Helen Iorio

Happy Anniversary!

June 2 – Gary & Renee Laitinen
June 3 – Bill & Sue McElravy
June 11 – Christopher & Natalie Beaver
June 18 – Steve & Kathy Cimini
June 24 – Curtis & Amanda Johns
June 25 – Rev. Brandon & Christine Johns
June 27 – Bob & Marci Mrozek

Wear Red for Pentecost

To celebrate the gift and work of the Holy Spirit, the congregation is invited to wear red on Pentecost Sunday, June 9.

June Mission Project

Our project for June is collecting back-to-school supplies for an organization that will be announced at a later date.

Youth Group

Join us for a bonfire on Saturday, June 8 at 7:00 pm.

Bible Study

We will be having Bible Study on Tuesday June 11 and Tuesday June 25 at 11:00 am.

Council Meeting

Our monthly Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 11 at 7:00 pm.

Vision Committee

Join the work of the vision committee for Good Shepherd's future on Monday, June 3 at 6:00 pm.

Synod Assembly

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly will be held June 13-15 at California University of Pennsylvania in California, PA. Our two lay delegates are Shirley Mazzocca and Grover Welsh, who are representing Good Shepherd along with Pastor Ellen.

Happy Father's Day!

Happy Father's Day and many blessings to all fathers and those who provide paternal care!

Zumba is Back!

Zumba is back at Good Shepherd! Wednesdays at 4:00 pm. Cost is \$4. Instructor is Danielle Johns.

*** Please note that there will **NOT** be Zumba class on Wednesday, June 26.

Pirates Faith Night

June 22, 2019 at 4:05 pm. The game is against the San Diego Padres. Following the game, players and coaches from both teams share their faith stories.

Council Highlights

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Brian and Ruth Johns visited an attorney's office and signed for the Miriam Lepisto Estate check of \$5,454.94.

Curtis Johns, Sr. made a motion that the Miriam Lepisto Estate money be designated for the Soffit and Fascia Fund and be deposited into the Mission Investment Fund. Terri Lombardo seconded. The motion carried.

Terri Lombardo made a motion to accept the financial reports. Grover Welsh seconded. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council decision concerning Mission Investment Fund CD will be made in June.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pastor Lundie will provide Church Council members with copies of the building use policy. It will be reviewed and necessary changes will be made at our next Council meeting.

Ruth Johns will purchase a new vacuum for use in the church.

Brian Johns is working on obtaining a bid for our Soffit and Fascia project. We may be able to apply for a grant if we have two written bids.

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.

