

The Shepherd's Pipe

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Lent Special Offering

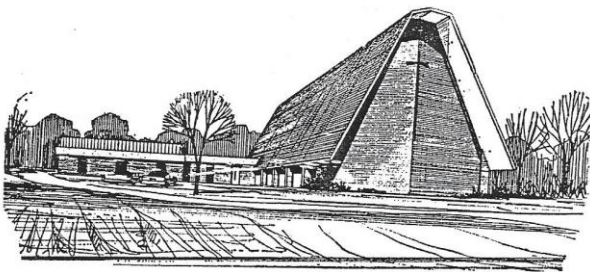
This Lent, we will be collecting a special offering for ELCA Good Gifts- God's Global Barnyard. Through the funds collected, we will select animals and agricultural products to benefit our neighbors. Special Offering envelopes and coin banks are available in the narthex.

Daylight Savings Time

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour for Sunday, March 10. Spring forward!

Council Meeting

This month's Council Meeting is on Monday, March 11 (instead of Tuesday). Pastor Peter Asplin, Assistant to the Bishop, SWPA Synod will be with us.



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
of New Castle

Youth Group

An evening of fun and faith on Sunday, March 17 from 7-8 pm. Contact Hailey Tammaro 724 674-6296, Youth Group Leader for ways to get involved.

Daily Discipleship Bible Study

Join the Bible Study during Lent! Upcoming dates are March 12, March 26, and April 9.

Pulpit Supply in March and April

Pastor Ellen will be out of town for vacation and continuing education on March 24 and April 7. On March 24, Pastor Kirk Bish will preach and preside and on April 7, Pastor Frank Kantz will preach and preside.

Holy Week and Easter

Maundy Thursday, April 18 - 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday, April 19 – Prayer Walk at 11:00 a.m. and Service at 7:00 p.m.
Easter, April 21 – Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Invite your family and friends!

Single Use Plastic (SUP) Challenge for Lent

Lent is a time in the church year when Christians around the world engage more deeply in different spiritual practices, including some form of fasting. We often speak of this as "giving something up for Lent." Meat, chocolate, television - things that we enjoy or find taking up more of our attention than they should. By giving them up, we create space in our lives for other things to claim more of our time and our hearts.

This Lent, the SWPA Church in Society Committee invites you and your congregation to participate in a SUP Challenge. What is a SUP? SUP stands for "single-use-plastics," items like plastic straws or grocery bags that are designed to be used and thrown away. They're everywhere. Our homes, work, schools, churches, stores, restaurants - even the water of our rivers, lakes and oceans - harming wildlife, ecosystems, and people.

So here's the challenge, each week you and your congregation will be invited to give up a different kind of single-use-plastic. Post pictures of your creativity and successes on the "[SWPA SUP Challenge](#)" Facebook page and other social media outlets. Ideas and resources from the Church in Society Committee will be posted in the weekly synod announcements and the Facebook page. May this challenge make us more attentive to God our creator and all of God's creation.

Week 1: Shopping bags
Week 2: Drinking straws
Week 3: Water bottles
Week 4: Styrofoam
Week 5: Food Wrappers
Week 6: Next Steps

Oneness of Lawrence County

Sunday, March 31 2:00-5:00 pm

Promote harmony, unity, kindness and peace in Lawrence County and beyond. Free activities, family events, photo booth and more!

Volunteers are needed. See Pastor Ellen by March 18 if you'd like to volunteer.

Scottish Rite Cathedral
110 E. Lincoln Ave.
New Castle, PA 16101
724-654-8408

Spaghetti Dinner for Alfred Andrews

Members of the Andrews family is hosting a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, April 6, 3:00-6:00 pm at Good Shepherd. Alfred was diagnosed with Glioblastoma, one of the most aggressive forms of brain cancer that exists. All proceeds will go towards medical, travel, and other expenses. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids under 10. Meal includes spaghetti, salad, bread, drink, and dessert. If you would like to help, desserts are requested and you can let Pastor Ellen know if you would like to help on the day of the event.

March Birthdays Happy Birthday!

March 1- Aaron Tervo
Michael Turk

March 2- Mark DeDominicis

March 6- Donald Andrews

March 7- Cody Snyder

March 10- Diane Dantico
George Ratkovich

March 11- Fred DeDominicis
James Roberts

March 14- Gary Laitinen

March 17- Jacob Snyder

March 18- Valerie Mitcheltree

March 21- Tracey Tomko

March 22- Amanda Buckel
Robert Salmen

March 23- Kathy Cimini

March 24- Carter Johns

March 25- Alexis Reeher
Carol Roberts

March 28- Matthew Dess
Megan Dess

March 30- Allyson Mrozek

March 31- Mark Roberts

March Anniversaries Happy Anniversary!

March 1- Michael and Jennifer Turk

March 16- Mark and Vickie McConnell

March 18- Mike Jr. and Nancy Kessler

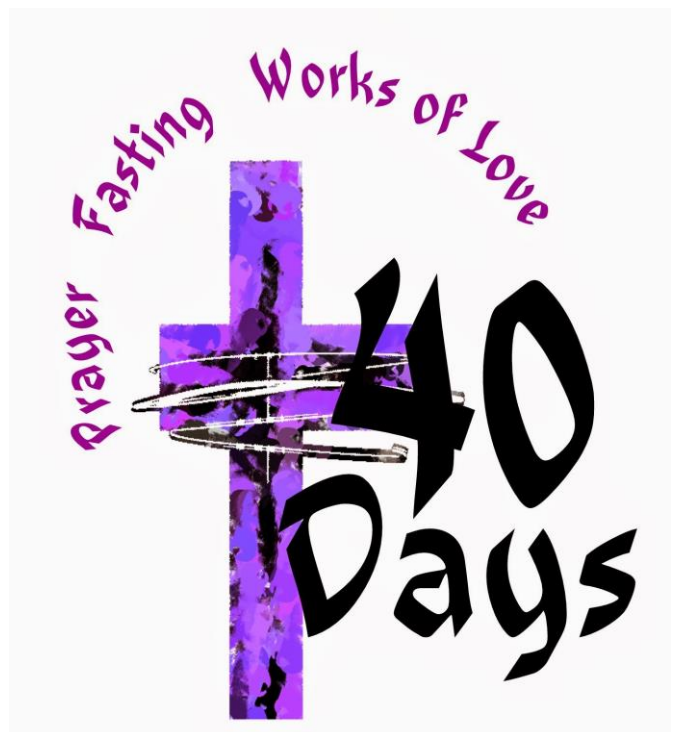
March 22- Carl and Jodi Tamaro

Make Us Believers Musical

Experience a musical performance of the final days of Jesus. Performances are Friday, April 5 at 7:30 pm at Grace United Methodist Church, 210 S. Broad Street Grove City PA 16127 and Sunday, April 7 at 4:00 pm at St. Camillus Church 314 W. Englewood Avenue New Castle PA 16105. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under age 13. All proceeds benefit Alpha Omega Center.

Future Church Symposium

Come and spend a day thinking about the future of the church with futurist and author Leonard Sweet. Len will push participants, through lecture and discussion, to consider where culture is going and how the church can continue its mission through those changes. Saturday, April 27, 9:00 am-4:00 pm, Northminster Presbyterian Church. Let Pastor Ellen know if you would like to attend. Cost is \$35 per person including lunch.



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, Terri Lombardo, Linda Martala, Hailey Tamaro, 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 Tamaro, 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: Alba Kessler, Delores LeComte, Don Michael, Fran Nelson, Don Suorsa

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

