

The Shepherd's Pipe

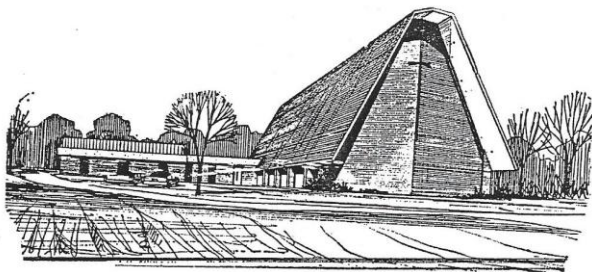
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Hello from Our New Secretary

Hi, everyone! I'm so excited to be joining the Good Shepherd family! For the past 17 months, I have been enjoying every bit of being a stay-at-home mom to my energetic little mini-me son but am looking forward to this new path that life has brought me on being a part of your church family. I am a graduate of Shenango High School and also Youngstown State University where I received my bachelor's degree in hospitality management. In addition to my son, I also have my husband, Victor, whom I've been married to for a little over 3 years and a beagle mix named Garnet, who has just about as much energy as our son! When I'm not spending time with my family, I enjoy reading and decorating the interior of our home. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you very soon!

Many Blessings,
K'rin Fortuna



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
of New Castle

Pastor's Note

Dear friends in Christ,
Recently, the ELCA shared a graphic on social media with the words:

<INHALE>

HOLY SPIRIT FILL ME

<EXHALE>

HOLY SPIRIT SEND ME

I've included this in my own prayer practice as I have felt anxieties and a need for encouragement. There are many changes coming in just a few weeks for Good Shepherd and for me. I will finish up my time as your pastor on June 30. Knowing this has brought challenge, frustration and sadness, so I have prayed for the Holy Spirit to fill me. I also pray that the Holy Spirit will send me to the places that I am needed in ministry now and in the future as I look with excitement to a new call that I hope to be able to share with you soon. The Spirit is also sending new people to you with secretary, K'rin, beginning in May and Intern, Chris, starting later in the summer. These are exciting things, so you may need to take a breath for calm:

<INHALE>

HOLY SPIRIT FILL ME

<EXHALE>

HOLY SPIRIT SEND ME

There is also sadness and apprehension in change. If you feel that, take a breath too:

<INHALE>

HOLY SPIRIT FILL ME

<EXHALE>

HOLY SPIRIT SEND ME

Amen.

Peace,
Pastor Ellen

A Note from the Andrews Family

To my fellow parishioners,
Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, you could never know how much your gracious aid has helped our family. This note is written to try to convey our thankfulness for all you have done. The offering we received went far in paying our house payment and removed one enormous stressor from our lives. We are blessed to have a sound roof over our heads and all the comforts which go along with that symbolism. And we are blessed for the reprieve you awarded us for this luxury.

It is difficult to resume normal living while in the throes of this malady. The several meals we received has been a real Godsend. For this also, we give our heartfelt thanks.

We want to pass on our gratefulness for any who were able to attend Al's spaghetti dinner fundraiser and for the desserts you so willingly supplied. Thanks also for the gifts cards as they are extremely helpful.

But mostly, we give thanks for all the love and especially all the prayers, both churchwide and individually. "Where two or more are gathered together and ask in my name, it shall be given." Please continue to ask for strength for our family as we follow the path God has chosen. We are hoping and praying for one more miracle, but of course only God knows the destination of our journey.

Bless you all for your charity, love, and prayers,
Theresa and Alfred Andrews, and family

Election Day Bake Sale

We will be holding our election day bake sale on May 21, 2019. Donations of baked goods are needed and would be appreciated. Volunteers can sign up at church or contact the office. Please consider how you can help.

A Note from the Suorsa Family

Good Shepherd Family,
Thank you so much for the generous monetary gift. We were so touched by this gesture. These past six months have been a roller coaster. Don still has a long road ahead of him. We really appreciate your generosity, it means so much to us,

Love,
Don & Beth

May Mission Project

Our project for May is to support the Alpha Omega Baby Bottle Campaign. Take a bottle (or many!) from the box in the narthex. Follow the directions to fill it up and return to Good Shepherd. Have a friend or family member who would participate, too? Take them a bottle!

Youth Group

If you are interested in Youth Group, please contact Hailey Tammaro at 724 674-6296.

Last Day of Sunday School

The last day of Sunday School is Sunday, May 19. Thank you to our students, parents and especially Sunday School Teacher Diana Braun for her faithful and engaging leadership and teaching. Enjoy the summer!

Vision Committee

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

Happy Mother's Day!

Happy Mother's Day and many blessings to all mother's and those who provide motherly care!

Zumba is Back!

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

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.

Congratulations!

We give thanks to God and celebrate the birth of Matthew Anthony Mrozek on April 3, 2019 at 10:31 am. Matthew is welcomed by parents Marci and Robert Mrozek and siblings Nick, Joe, Mike, Ally, Robby, Grace, and Megan.

Council Highlights

NEW BUSINESS:

Curtis Johns, Jr., made a motion to post our church secretary job listing for free online at Indeed.com. Barbara Turk seconded. The motion carried.

Brian Johns posted the listing on April 9. We will post our Indeed.com link on our Facebook page.

Our interview committee will consist of Ruth Johns, Terri Lombardo, and Curtis Johns, Jr. Hailey Tammaro will serve as an alternate, if needed.

Diana Tervo made a motion to approve the secretary job description proposed by the Secretary/Vision/Transition Committee. Terri Tankersley seconded. The motion carried.

Terri Lombardo made a motion to approve the Child and Youth Abuse Prevention Policy, the Sexual Harassment and Other Inappropriate Behavior Policy, and the Congregational Application for an Intern recommended by the Secretary/Vision/Transition Committee. Grover Welsh seconded. The motion carried.

Curt Johns, Sr., made a motion to approve Employment Application and Reference Check forms with adaptations recommended by the Secretary/Vision/Transition Committee. Hailey Tammaro seconded. The motion carried.

Grover Welsh volunteered to be the point person to unlock the doors, turn on the lights and heat, and greet the Supply Pastor on Sundays when our regular Pastor has a vacation day.

Curt Johns, Sr., made a motion to have Sunday church services in the picnic shelter on the second Sunday in June, July, and August this summer instead of on the first Sunday of each month. Diana Tervo seconded. The motion carried.

We need five to eight people to serve on an Intern Committee. We will discuss this further at our next Church Council meeting.

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 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
- ❖ 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.

