

# THE SHEPHERD'S PIPE

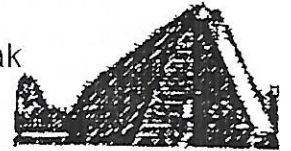
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH OF NEW CASTLE, PA 16101

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"My sheep hear my  
voice and I know them,  
and they follow me...  
John 10:27

Organist Mrs. Evy Amerson  
Secretary & Fin. Sec. Mrs. Barbara Pawlak  
Treasurer Mrs. Ruth Johns  
Sexton Mr. Grover Welsh



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## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

We will remember the following members who have died since last All Saints Day, November 1, 2017: Dorothy "Dolly" Warneck (February 1, 2018), Johanna "Jo" Schuster (June 11, 2018) and Sara Augustine (July 23, 2018).

## BISHOP KUSSEROW TO VISIT GOOD SHEPHERD - SUNDAY, NOV. 11

The Bishop of our Southwestern PA Synod will be us at worship on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, and will meet with our Church Council members after the worship service.

## BAKE SALE AT GOOD SHEPHERD ON ELECTION DAY, NOV. 6

We need persons to donate your delicious baked good to sell at our Bake Sale on Election Day, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, at the church. Please bring in your food items on Monday, November 5h. We are setting up in the main entrance hall way. Please see Ruth Johns if you are donating baked goods. We also need persons to work the different shifts from 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Dry Soup Mixes and Hot Cocoa Mixes on the table in the narthex will also be available to purchase.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER 10:30 A.M. SERVICE IN THE SHEPHERD CENTER.

Sunday, November 18

AGENDA: 1] To approve the 2019 Proposed Budget for the congregation which will be presented at the meeting by Ruth Johns, Treasurer.

2] Election of 4 persons to Church Council to serve for 3 years, from January 2019 through December 2021. Shirley Mazzocca, David Michael, Terri Tankersley, and Grover Welsh terms expire the end of December 2018. David Michael and Shirley Mazzocca cannot run again at this time.

THANK YOU, BARBARA! We thank Barbara Pawlak for her many years serving as Church Secretary and Financial Secretary. Barbara is retiring effective November 16, 2018. Blessings and peace in retirement.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Thank you to our new Financial Secretary, Terri Tankersley. Terri will be serving as Barbara Pawlak steps down from the position on October 28, 2018. ADDITIONAL COUNTERS NEEDED. Additional counters are needed for counting the offering each Sunday. Please let Pastor Ellen know if you would be a counter.

# 2 CIRCLES OF PRAYER FOR MISSION

It is extremely important that we the members of our Good Shepherd family bind ourselves together in daily prayer. Please keep this prayer calendar near your breakfast table and remember to pray for these and others...

## 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.
- +Gracious Lord, we give thanks for the host of witnesses who have served as living signs of the Gospel here on earth; grant us the courage to follow their example and commit ourselves to trust in you. (All Saints Day, November 1)

## SUNDAY MORNING 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 and who they are in Him. Give thanks for our S.S. teachers: Diana Braun and Pastor Ellen, in their teaching ministries of education.
- +God, we thank you for faithful servants who committed themselves to bold witness. Embolden us to be constant in prayer and witness that the whole world may know Christ.

## MONDAY MORNING PRAYER:

- +For our local, state, and federal governmental 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 for Bishop Kurt Kusserow and our presiding bishop of the ELCA, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton.
- +For an increase in ministry workers, both clergy and lay, allowing God's church to grow, sharing the faith, and discipline to those who are new to the faith.

## TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER:

- +For our Church Council members in their decision-making for our congregation: Theresa Andrews, Fred DeDominicis, Brian Johns, Curtis Johns, Curt Johns, Linda Marttala, Shirley Mazzocca, Dave Michael, 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 MORNING PRAYER:

- +For Kevin Green, Director, his staff, and ministries of the City Rescue Mission.
- +For the Inter-Church Food Bank of New Castle, the persons who volunteer their services to help, and the needy families in the community being served.
- +God of Many Blessings, we give you thanks for giving us life. We praise you for the call to mission with which you continue to draw us out of ourselves & into relationships with others.

## THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER:

- +For the Pastor/Pilots of the L.A.M.P. ministry of Canada.
- +For the elderly and shut-ins, 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 MORNING PRAYER:

- +For Barbara Pawlak, Church Secretary; Grover Welsh, Sexton; and Ruth Johns, Treasurer.
- +For individuals who have physical, emotional, or spiritual needs, and their families and friends who care for them. For our Homebound members: Alba Kessler, Dolores LeComte, Don Michael, and Fran Nelson.

## SATURDAY MORNING 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.

## ADVENT HAPPENING:

Saturday, December 8, 9-11:30 a.m.  
in Shepherd Center.

### **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

Please join us for a delicious breakfast buffet catered by Weber Catering. Have a meet and greet and photo opportunities with Santa and Mrs. Claus. In addition, everyone's favorite Snow Queen and her sister, from One Royal Wish, will be here as well! There will be cookie decorating, ornament making, hot cocoa, Christmas stories and just a fun filled morning (so bring a camera)! You may wear your favorite princess dress or Christmas attire, if you like. Tickets will go on sale November 19<sup>th</sup> at Mrozek Financial (2210 West State St. New Castle, PA 16101) from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. weekdays, or call 724-658-6392 for more information. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$12 for Kids 2-12, and under 2 is free! Tickets may be limited at the door, so get your tickets early!

### **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS NEEDED**

Have some extra lights and decorations at home that could help beautify the outside of the church during the Advent and Christmas season? White lights, wreaths, and a nativity set are needed. If you'd like to help but don't have decorations, you can donate to help with the electricity by giving money to the Current fund. Look for an announcement for a day we will decorate outside.

### **King of kings and Lord of lords**

In the Bible, no one is called "Lord of lords" but God and Christ. Although a couple of Old Testament earthly kings (Artaxerxes and Nebuchadnezzar) are referred to as "king of kings," only in reference to Christ is the term capitalized - "King of kings."

Earthly rulers can claim supremacy, but we celebrate Christ the King Sunday as the culmination of the liturgical year to testify that our Lord Jesus is Ruler of all. In the words of the famous "Hallelujah" chorus from Handel's Messiah: "king of kings and Lord of lords, and he shall reign for ever and ever!"

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## **YOUTH GROUP MEETING**

On Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. there will be a youth group meeting in their GSLC Youth Group room at the church with Hailey Tammaro, youth leader,

### **CAROL SING**

Friday, December 14, 6-8 P.M.,

At the Confluence, downtown New Castle Gather with churches from around the area and our neighbors to sing Christmas carols at the Confluence. Grab dinner or a hot drink as we sing our favorite hymns and Christmas songs.

### **Dry Soup Mixes, Cookie Mixes, and Mint Cocoa Mix Sales**

We are selling filled quart jars and bags with dry ingredients for soup and cookie recipes to support our **Good Shepherd General Fund**. Quart and pint jars and bags are available for purchase from the table in the main entrance hallway. We will be taking orders during November and December. Orders placed by November 11 will be available to pick up at the church on Sunday, November 18. Orders placed by December 9 will be available for pick up Sunday, December 16. See Linda Marttala if you need a different pick-up date or if you have any questions. Please consider purchasing jars and bags of soup, cookie, and mint cocoa mixes for yourself or to give as gifts.

### **ALUMINUM TABS COLLECTION CHALLENGE**

You see them every time you open a soft drink or soup can, or sometimes even feeding your pet. Those tiny little tabs are easy to overlook, but they can make a BIG impact on the families at Ronald McDonald House Charities. As part of Thrivent's Giving Tuesday initiative, the Thrivent Member Network has partnered with Ronald McDonald House Charities. We are challenging churches and organizations throughout our region to participate in our Pop Tab Challenge. The church or organization that collects the most pop tabs by Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2018, will receive a celebration luncheon. Place your tabs in the box provided on the narthex table.

## COUNCIL ACTIONS from October 9th Meeting:

Financial Reports: Ruth Johns reported that we need to approve the health benefit option for Pastor Lundie's benefits. The Church Council decided to continue with the current plan, which is the Gold Plan.

Since we are concerned about our finances, the Church Council discussed several options. For example: 1] We could continue with a full-time pastor until we run out of money. 2] We could share a pastor with another congregation. This means each congregation would have a half-time pastor. 3] We could try operating with supply pastors. Curtis Johns made a motion to explore finding a congregation interested in sharing a half-time pastor, to begin sometime after June 30, 2019. Shirley Mazzocca seconded. Motion Carried.

A Proposed Budget for 2019 will be presented to the congregation at a meeting on Sunday, November 18, 2018. The following are some of the changes recommended by the Church Council.

Our church secretary, Barbara Pawlak, is currently hired to work from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., three days per week, plus two additional days per month to work on the church newsletter. The Church Council considered various cost-cutting measures due to budget concerns and the newsletter changes. Curt Johns made a motion to recommend cutting two days per month from the secretary's work schedule, with no increase or decrease in her hourly wage, beginning on January 1, 2019. Fred DeDominicis seconded. The motion carried.

Our sexton, Grover Welsh, is currently hired to work 10 hours per week. Curt Johns made a motion to cut the sexton's hours to 8 1/2 hours per week, with no increase or decrease in his hourly wage, beginning January 1, 2019. Dave Michael seconded. The motion carried.

Church Matters: 1] Kristen Papsko is interested in renting the Shepherd Center as a safe place for private baton lessons once a week. She coaches squads in the area, including two at Shenango. Kristen donates her lesson fees to

Veterans Place in Pittsburgh. Curtis Johns made a motion that this request be approved at a rental rate of \$50 per week, with the agreement and rate to be reevaluated after 6 months. Curt Johns seconded. The motion carried. A rental agreement will need to be drawn up. We are considering requiring a security deposit. Pastor Ellen will contact Kristen.

Property: Thank you to Fred DeDominicis for clearing off 2/3 of the debris on the roof. The drains were clogged and there was about 4 inches of water on the roof. Fred will clear the rest of the debris on another day,

Worship: Pastor Ellen stated that the licenses we have already purchased will allow us to use a few contemporary songs. She will meet with the Worship Committee about this.

Pastor's Report: September-October highlights; 1] Clergy Cluster with representative from United Lutheran Seminary. 2] Assistants to the Bishop lunch. 3] Council Bible Study and Prayer. 4] Yard Sale-Thank you! 5] Visits/hospital/home-4.

OLD BUSINESS: 1] Our copier contracts have been cancelled. 2] The Good Shepherd yard sale/lunch counter/dried cookie mix & dried soup sale made \$2,361.61. Of that amount, 90% will go into the General Fund of Good Shepherd and 10% will be given to the Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County. 3] We will hold a bake sale at Good Shepherd on Election Day, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. We are asking the congregation for donations of baked goods to sell. We are also asking for volunteers to work at the bake sale. Jars of dry cookie mixes, dry soup mixes and hot chocolate mixes will also be available to purchase.

NEW BUSINESS: 1] The Church Council is planning a Stewardship Program for Good Shepherd. Pastor Lundie will present a pledge sheet template to Church Council at the next meeting, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. The pledge sheets will be published in the newsletter for December.

Communion Assistants for November: 4-Curt Johns, 11-Curt Johns, 18-Fred DeDominicis, 25-Brian Johns.

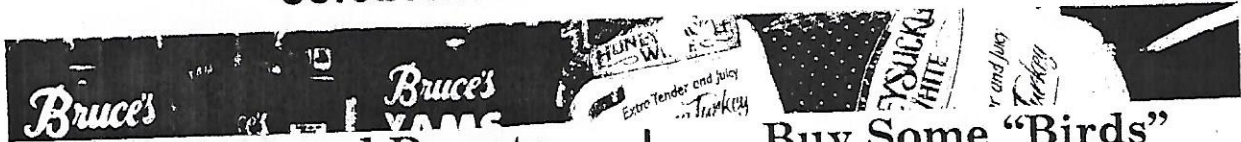
# Help the City Rescue Mission Feed Hungry People this Thanksgiving

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With your help, thousands of individuals in Western Pennsylvania will receive Thanksgiving food this year from the City Rescue Mission.

Families will be blessed when they can celebrate the holiday together.

For any questions regarding Thanksgiving Baskets or volunteer opportunities, please call Linda Krumpke at 724-652-4321 ext. 119



NOVEMBER ALL CHURCH MISSION PROJECT:

## Collect and Donate

You or your church can collect:

- Canned Yams
- Stuffing Mix
- Canned Gravy
- Evaporated Milk
- Cranberry Sauce
- Pie Crust Mix
- Pie Filling (Fruit or Pumpkin)
- Canned Vegetables and Fruit

Collect one or all of the above items.

Deadline to bring in items is Sunday, Nov. 11 - Put in red wagon.

## Buy Some "Birds"

\$15 each

Make checks payable to:  
City Rescue Mission

(put "birds" on the memo line) or donate securely on our website.

## Distribution Date And Location

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

**Sankey Center**

125 Grant Street  
New Castle, PA 16101

ADOPT AN ITEM FOR COLLECTION OR SIGN-UP TO VOLUNTEER AT  
[www.CityRescueMission.org](http://www.CityRescueMission.org)



## 2019 ALTAR FLOWERS RESERVATIONS CHART

The Altar Flowers Chart for 2019 is now hanging on the wall behind the balcony stairs. Butz Flowers of New Castle makes our two vases of flowers each week at a cost of \$18.00 for 1 vase, or \$36.00 for the two vases of flowers. Anyone wishing to purchase vases of flowers for a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, for our Sunday worship service is asked to place your name on the desired date(s). Two families may sign up for each Sunday available. You are to make arrangements to take your vase(s) of flowers home after the worship service.



## Messiah

PRESENTATION -- NOV. 25

The NEW CASTLE MUSIC CLUB Chorus, Harry Cunningham, Director, will present Handel's MESSIAH, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 3 P.M. at the ST. CAMILLUS deLELLIS PARISH, 314 W. Englewood Ave., New Castle. Admission and parking are free. A free-will offering will be collected to help defray production costs. For more information (including directions to St. Camillus R.C. Church), please visit our web site at <http://www.ncmusicclubchorus.org>



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### BEST WISHES ON YOUR SPECIAL DAY

#### IN NOVEMBER:

#### Happy Birthday!

- November 1 - Deanna Fracul
- November 3 - Donald Fracul  
Bonita Salmen
- November 4 - Henry (Chip) Marttala  
Shirley Mazzocca
- November 6 - Frank Augustine  
Gary Brown  
James LeComte  
Patricia Maga  
Nora Tervo
- November 7 - Amy Bruno
- November 11 - Harold Laderer  
Sandra Radziwon
- November 12 - Rosina Mowery
- November 13 - Anna Johns
- November 14 - David Boyer  
Robin McBride  
Ethan Skuba
- November 15 - Doris Laderer
- November 16 - Cora Christoforetti
- November 18 - Ethan Johns
- November 19 - Allen Boyer
- November 20 - Judy (Marttala) Morella

- November 25 - Carlyn Houk  
Arlene Wright
- November 27 - Alisha Cook
- November 29 - Robin Houk  
Grace Mrozek
- November 30 - Mary Margaret Penwell  
Lily Johns

#### Happy Anniversary!

- Nov. 3 - Steve & Isa Skuba
- Nov. 6 - Jason & Dawn Klien
- Nov. 16 - Allen & Shirley Boyer
- Nov. 17 - Frank & Christine Bruno  
Jody & Diane Vanassa
- Nov. 19 - Leroy & Lynne Ransom
- Nov. 20 - Patrick & Valerie Mitcheltree

### **Report for October 2018 Services**

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Sunday Offerings</u>
7	39	\$ 2,943.00
14	34	\$ 2,422.00
21	49	\$ 1,626.00
28	46	\$ 1,636.00

Total Offerings for October: \$ 8,627.00\*

Deposit for Yard Sale, Oct. 9: \$ 2,361.61

Total Income: \$10,988.61

\*Total Offerings includes giving to Special Funds.

To meet our 2018 budget we need to receive \$2,788 in General Fund offerings per week or \$11,152.00 for the 4 Sundays in October. In October we had a Minus \$613.39 for the General Fund.

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