



The Shepherd's Pipe



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Council President Update

November is here and Thanksgiving is right around the corner! Although we have not gathered in person for over seven months, I want to assure you that your Church Council continues to work hard for our Good Shepherd family. We continue to have regular meetings via Zoom each month and invite you to attend. If you would ever like to join in on one of our meetings, please contact K'rin and she will send you the login information.

Synod is also still working on securing an interim pastor for our congregation. I will keep you all updated as I receive more information.

I wish you and your family a very blessed Thanksgiving!

- Terri Lombardo

Happy 50th Anniversary!

The Articles of Consolidation for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church were signed and notarized on August 31, 1970. Unfortunately, Covid has put a crimp in our celebration plans. However, we would like to gather some memories from our members. If you have a special memory, photograph or other information from the past 50 years, please submit them to K'rin. These memories can be emailed, mailed, texted or phone messaged to the church office/K'rin. We would like to include these photos/memories/facts/trivia in upcoming newsletters. There is also a graphic on page 4 of this newsletter with a bit of history of the beginnings of the church.

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

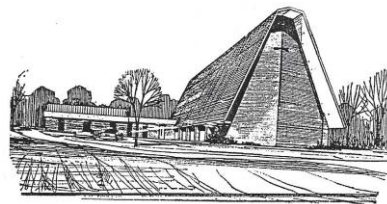
Happy Birthday!

- 1 – Deanna Fracul
- 3 – Donald Fracul
Bonita Salmen
- 4 – Henry (Chip) Marttala
Shirley Mazzocca
- 6 – Frank Augustine
Gary Brown
James LeComte
Patricia Maga
Nora Tervo
- 7 – Amy Bruno
- 11 – Harold Laderer
Sandra Radziwon
- 12 – Rosina Mowrey
- 13 – Anna Johns
- 14 – David Boyer
Danielle Johns
- 17 – Michonda Weber
- 18 – Ethan Johns
- 19 – Allen Boyer
- 20 – Judy Morella

Happy Anniversary!

- 16 – Allen and Shirley Boyer
- 17 – Frank and Christine Bruno
Jody and Diane Vanassa
- 20 – Patrick and Valerie Mitcheltree

Our Mission



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
of New Castle

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.

**** During this time, we will continue to have virtual services throughout the beginning of November dependent on changing guidelines for social gatherings. It will be discussed further at the November 10th council meeting. We will communicate changes as they occur. Feel free to reach out to church council members with any questions that you may have.**

Worship Services

We are still working to stream Sunday worship service on Facebook Live as a joint effort with Trinity – Ellwood City. Please check out Good Shepherd and Trinity's Facebook pages for updates as we navigate through the next few weeks. Please note that both of the church's pages are public, so you do not need to be a Facebook member in order to view and/or watch the live streams.

- Good Shepherd:
<https://www.facebook.com/GSLCNewCastle/>
- Trinity:
<https://www.facebook.com/TrinityEllwood/>

Council Meetings

As we continue to hold our monthly council meetings virtually, 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 and we will provide the link for you so that you are able to participate. **This month's council meeting will be on Tuesday, November 10th at 7:00 pm.**

New Castle Music Club

The New Castle Music Club Chorus has made the decision to officially cancel this year's Messiah performance. On November 28, 2021, they will be celebrating their 80th performance at the Holy Redeemer Catholic Church Parish in Ellwood City.

Additions to Newsletter

Do you have something to publish in The Shepherd's Pipe? Please have any submissions into the church office by Monday, November 23rd.

Portals of Prayer

Editions of the Portals of Prayer are available for October - December. If you would like a copy, please contact the church office and we will make sure that you receive one.

Pop Can Collection

A reminder that we are continuing to collect pop cans which are taken for recycling with the proceeds being returned to the church. Any donations can be left by the main doors. They will be collected and processed appropriately while we remain out of the building.

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 — 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/>



Happy Veterans Day!

Thank you so much for your service! A heartfelt Veterans Day salute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice, both past and present, for our country while protecting the freedoms of our great nation.

Congratulations, Vicar Chris!

Seminarian Chris Combs, former Intern, known to us as Vicar Chris, was approved by our joint West Virginia – Western Maryland and SWPA Synods' Candidacy Committee on Saturday, October 24, 2020. Chris was also approved for Word and Sacrament ministry by the faculty at United Lutheran Seminary (ULS). Upon graduation, Seminarian Chris is eligible for call to be a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He will remain here within our synod. Thanks be to God!

Congratulations, Hailey!

Congratulations to our Youth Group Leader, Hailey Tammara, who recently got engaged to her boyfriend, Scott Hughes. They are planning a September 2021 wedding. We wish them all the best!

All Saints Sunday

We will remember the following members who have passed since last All Saints Day, Donald Michael who passed away on February 5, 2020 and Doris Laderer. Doris passed away on August 5, 2020.

Thank You!

Thanks to Dave Michael for mowing the church lawn this summer. Also, thank you to Fred DeDominicis and Curt Johns for their recent work on the property.

Fall Cleaning

Anyone who is interested in helping with an outdoor fall clean-up, please contact Fred DeDominicis at 724-652-9294.

Help with Livestreaming

If anyone is interested in helping with livestreaming our worship services once we return to in-person worship, please contact Hailey Tammara at 724-674-6296.

A New Treasurer Will Be Needed!

With the resignation of Ruth Johns as our current treasurer, as soon as all the PPP paperwork is turned in, we will be looking for a new person to take over the responsibilities of treasurer. A job description is available for anyone who would like to see it, has any questions or is interested in using his or her gifts in serving GSLC in this capacity. If interested, please speak with Terri Lombardo, Council President.

Looking Ahead

Pastor Peggy Suhr-Barkley of Trinity Lutheran Church, Ellwood City will be leading a virtual Advent Bible Study and has invited the members of Good Shepherd. Please watch for further details in the weekly bulletins and December newsletter.

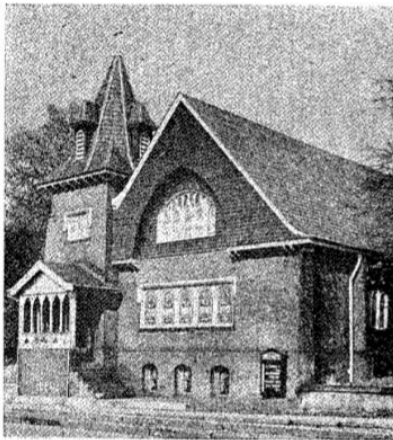
Synod Assembly

The annual Synod Assembly will be held on Saturday, November 14 from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Council Highlights – Meeting held October 13, 2020

- This meeting was held virtually via Zoom
- Received a new Workmen's Compensation policy and reduced bill due to changing the staff hours, work locations and number of staff due to Covid.
- Approved a motion to have Good Shepherd remain closed for in-person worship through November 8, 2020. Council will revisit this decision at the November 10th council meeting
- Due to Covid, it was decided to not have an in-person congregational meeting in November to pass the 2021 budget and elect new council members. The four council members whose terms will expire at the end of December (Fred DiDominicius, Curt Johns, Diana Tervo, Barbara Turk) have volunteered to have their terms extended through June 30, 2021. We will operate with the 2021 budget that will be approved at the November council meeting.

HOW IT ALL BEGAN



St. Paul — Organized 1848

NOVEMBER 5, 1848

There were 27 charter members who had emigrated from Southern Germany, mainly from the Kingdom of Wuerttemberg.

From 1890 to 1900 there was a great influx of Siebenbuenger Saxons which added to the strength of the congregation.

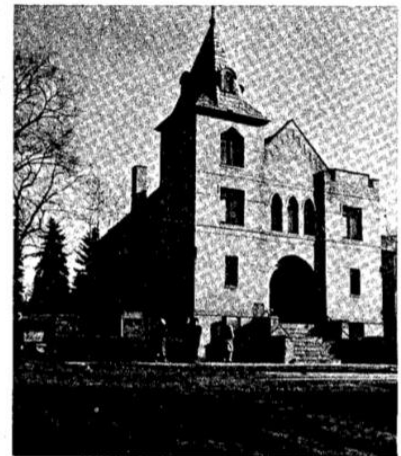


Bethany — Organized 1904

JULY 12, 1904

The first worship service was held in Odd Fellows Hall on the corner of Mill and Long Avenue. 45 people were present at the first meeting.

Formal organization of the new mission was consummated on December 4, 1904 with 160 people present.



Trinity — Organized 1900

DECEMBER 3, 1900

In the beginning services were held in private homes, a rented chapel and the Finnish Temperance Hall on Morton Street.

The Ray Street building was erected in 1915.

REDEEMER — 1962

GOOD SHEPHERD — 1970

In 1962 ST. PAUL and BETHANY joined hands to become REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH. TRINITY who had embraced the members of the former Bessemer Finnish Lutheran Church in 1941 joined together with REDEEMER in 1970 to become the present GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH.

681 Wyngold Drive
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September 16, 2020

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Congregation Council
2323 Old Butler Road
New Castle, PA 16101

Dear Members of the Congregation Council:

I think often of your congregation and your very welcoming and kind members. I have many pleasant memories of my weekly sojourns to New Castle for three years in order to lead your congregation in worship on Sunday mornings during your pastoral vacancy..

I read your congregation's Newsletter each month so as to be informed concerning life in your congregation. I was glad to read that you had a very good experience with your intern for the past year.

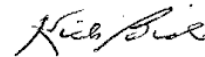
I also see that you are having major problems with your building. I do hope that you will be able to correct these problems.

I am enclosing a contribution in the amount of \$ 1,000.00 which you may use as you see fit.

Share my greetings with your fellow members.

May God continue to bless the ministry of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and its members.

Cordially,



The Rev. Kirk W. Bish

Enclosure



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September 17, 2020

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
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Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your recent gift to Lutherlyn. We are truly grateful to have your support during this difficult and unexpected time. It is gifts like yours that will help Lutherlyn return to "business as normal" when we are safely able to do so.

Your recent gift of \$25 goes further than just helping cover operations during this unprecedented time. When the time comes, your gift will help Lutherlyn continue to be a God-given place where people are accepted, challenged, and sent out into the world to shine their light in the world!

We very much hope to see you at camp soon. Until we are able to resume more normal programming we will continue to share activities and devotions at www.lutherlyn.com/athome. We encourage you to engage with the content there while we anxiously wait and prepare to welcome campers, students, and guests back to Lutherlyn.

Thank you again for your generosity, we truly appreciate it.

Thank you!

Yours in Ministry,

Deb Roberts
Executive Director

P.S. The Federal Internal Revenue Service requires we advise you that Lutherlyn did not provide you with goods or services of value in exchange for these contributions.



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Circles of Prayer for Mission

Please pray for the members of Good Shepherd:

Daily Prayer

- ❖ For Pastor Peggy Suhr-Barkley, 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 members in their decision making for our congregation: Fred DeDominicis, Curt Johns, Ruth Johns, Terri Lombardo, Linda Marttala, Shirley Mazzocca, Hailey Tammaro, Terri Tankersley, Diana Tervo, Barbara Turk, Michonda Weber, 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 and their caregivers: Alba Kessler, Delores LeComte, Fran Nelson, Don Suorsa, Kim Cook, Bertha Metzger, and Alfred Andrews.

Saturday Prayer

- ❖ For the people of the Passavant Retirement and Health Center in Zelenople.
- ❖ 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.

