



The Shepherd's Pipe



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Council Meetings

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. **This month's council meeting will be on Tuesday, November 9th at 7:00 pm.**

Congregational Meeting

This year, our annual congregational meeting will be held in person and also via Zoom on Sunday, November 21 after church. An email with the Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting. We are also in need of new members to join the church council, so please let us know if you are interested.

Help Recording Services

We are currently in the process of upgrading our video and audio services but we are in need of helpers at each service to turn on/off the computer, cameras, etc. If you are interested in helping or know someone who is, please contact the church office and leave a message for K'rin.

Altar Flowers

If you are interested in purchasing a vase, the cost is now **\$20**. We apologize for the increase in price, however, we were not informed by Butz until we received our bill. There is a sign-up sheet for July-October available in the hallway or you may also call the church office and leave a message with the date and the message you would like printed in the bulletin.

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 22nd.

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

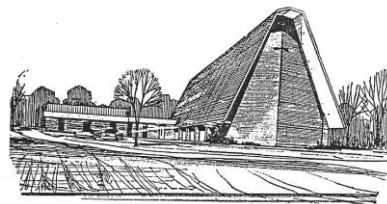
Happy Birthday!

- 1 – Deanna Fracul
- 3 – Bonita Salmen
- 4 – Henry (Chip) Marttala
Shirley Mazzocca
- 6 – Frank Augustine
Gary Brown
James LeCompte
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 (Marttala) 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.

November Mission Project

Our current mission project for the month of November is collecting donations for the city Rescue Mission's Thanksgiving baskets.

Cancelled Stamp Collection

The goal is to support the Lutheran World Relief "Stamporee" project, which provided for shipping of gifts, kits and clothing to those in need around the world. Anyone can contribute by saving used envelopes having cancelled stamps on them. When trimming stamps from the envelopes, remember to allow at least ¼" or more around each edge of the stamp. If not, they are discarded. All stamps are accepted; however, Commemorative stamps are worth more. Ask friends, relatives or co-workers to participate in this worth while project. The stamp collection box is on the counter in church library.

Please Reach Out

We are asking you to please pray for, send a Thinking of You card, or contact our current homebound members:

Metzger, Bertha
Haven Convalescent Home
725 Paul Street
New Castle, PA 16101

Nelson, John W. & Frances
724-658-2579
1810 Morris St.
New Castle, PA 16102

Suorsa, Donald & Beth
724-654-9063
724-944-4982 cell
796 Eastbrook-Harlansburg Rd.
New Castle, PA 16101

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/>

Council Highlights – Meeting held October 12, 2021

- This meeting was held virtually via Zoom.
- These minutes will be approved at the November Council Meeting.

CHURCH MATTERS:

- Pastor Goetze and a few members of the church met with Randall VanHorn to discuss an estimate for the sound system and audio streaming service for live streaming. He gave us an estimate of \$2,150.84 for the entire system.
- We will look into comparing our estimates and bring forth a recommendation to the congregation at the November congregational meeting.
- Terri Tankersly made the motion that we will contact Pastor Asplin and ask him to pursue a shared ministry between one or two other churches. Fred DeDominicis seconded. The motion carried.
- Terri Tankersly will preside over November's council meeting.

PROPERTY:

- Fred got a lawn mower for trimming around the church.
- Fred sealed the gaps between the pipe and the brick on the conduit near the side door by the pastor's office.
- Roofing Bids
 - Slagle Roofing & Construction - \$32,000
 - PA Roof Restoration & Construction - \$102,450. Bid for both flat roof & sanctuary roof, metal roof, and sealant to get us through the winter for free if we sign a contract with him. He will take \$3,500 off of each roof since we are a church. He bid in money to replace wet areas & if there are not any wet areas, he will take off that amount. If there are more wet areas than what he thought, he will not add money to the bid. Total = \$93,000
 - JB Commercial Roofing - \$46,663 (20 Year PVC Membrane) & \$43,908 (15 Year Foam System)
 - We will get more information about the bids and make a decision at the next council meeting on which bid to present to the congregation.
- Fred shut the gas off to the stove because there was heat radiating from the burner.

Circles of Prayer for Mission

Please pray for the members of Good Shepherd:

Daily Prayer

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ We pray for our interim, Pastor Wil Goetze, as he shepherds us with his many talents.

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 Joe Biden, 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, Ruth Johns, Terri Lombardo, Linda Marttala, Shirley Mazzocca, Hailey Tammaro, Terri Tankersley, Jodi Tammaro, 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, Fran Nelson, Don Suorsa, and Bertha Metzger.

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.

