



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, October 12th at 7:00 pm.**

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.

October Mission Project

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

Additions to Newsletter

Do you have something to publish in The Shepherd's Pipe? Please have any submissions into the church office by Monday, October 25th.

Pop Can Collection

Money has been collected from donated aluminum cans and metals since July 2019 by Fred DeDominicis. Donations were made by Harold & Doris Laderer, Carl & Barb Turk, John & Fran Nelson, Fred & Darlene DeDominicis, Shirley Mazzocca, and other members, neighbors, and friends. The total collected is \$346.78 and will be added to the Roof Fund.

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

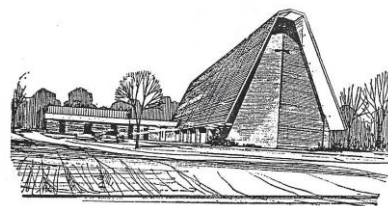
Happy Birthday!

- 1 – Nancy Eagan
Viola Ratvasky
- 8 – Erica Boyer
- 10 – Justin Kuttesch
- 12 – Corey Davis
Anne McCullough
- 13 – Elsie Stimple
- 14 – Gordon North
- 16 – Nancie Hicks
- 17 – Sam Byler
- 20 – Janet Linz
- 21 – Chloe Brown
Colton Brown
- 23 – Rose Bender
- 26 – Megan Mrozek
- 31 – Carl Turk

Happy Anniversary!

- 10 – Harry and Barbara Pawlak
Richard and Viola Ratvasky
- 15 – Carl and Barbara Turk
- 22 – Michael and Janet Linz
- 23 – Dennis and Nancy Eagan
- 24 – George and Laverne Ratkovich

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.

Fall Yard Sale

Due to rising Covid cases in our area, we have decided to postpone our fall yard sale until Spring 2022. More details will be given at a later date.

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

Thank You!

Thank you to Dave and Matthew Michael for mowing the church's grass.

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/>

** Portals of Prayer are now available for July through September. If you would like a copy, please call the church office and let K'rin know.

Congratulations!

A very special congratulations to our Youth Group Leader, Hailey, and her new husband, Scott! Hailey and Scott were married on September 24 at Good Shepherd with a ceremony officiated by Dr. Dirk Lesnett from Elfinwild Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh. Their reception followed at Whisper Hollow Homestead. The newlyweds make their home at 236 Sunnyside Drive, Portersville, PA 16051. Congratulations to the new Mr. and Mrs. Hughes!



MAKING LIFE BETTER FOR KIDS

August 19, 2021

Good Shepherd Church
2323 Old Butler Rd.
New Castle, PA 16101

Dear Friends of Good Shepherd Church and Diana Braun:

Cray Youth and Family Services is committed to Making Life Better for Kids in Lawrence County and I want to thank you for contributing to the advancement of our mission. We are continuously seeking ways to increase the positive impact we have on children and families and your gift will go directly to assisting with that effort. On behalf of Cray and the folks we serve, thank you for your donation of 27 children's backpacks.

The goal of Cray is to find ways to keep kids safe, help families find stability, and contribute to the overall health of our community. With your gift and the support of others like you, we are able to support and help guide families who are struggling. Thank you for being part of and supporting Cray's efforts to make a difference.

Warmest regards,

Don Kemerer
Don Kemerer
Executive Director

Thank you folks very much!

In keeping with current tax laws, Cray Youth & Family Services, Inc. did not provide any goods or services in consideration of this gift. Please retain this acknowledgement for tax purposes. Federal law may require you to have it in order to deduct your charitable contribution.

www.CrayYouth.org

www.ConfluenceCoffee.org

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The Confluence
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New Castle, PA 16101
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Cray's Education Center
111 E. Maitland Ln.
New Castle, PA 16105
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to be Christ's light in



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August 26, 2021

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

Dear Friends,

Thank you for making a difference at Lutherlyn! It is friends like you who make it possible for Lutherlyn to keep our vitally important promise to never turn a child away from summer camp for financial reasons.

By supporting Lutherlyn you are ensuring that all children, regardless of their financial circumstance, can attend summer camp at Lutherlyn where they learn how to be Christ's light in the world.

Your recent gift of \$25 goes further than just helping kids get to camp. As their time at Lutherlyn draws to a close, we challenge each camper to take Christ's love into their communities and to shine their light everywhere they go. Through them, your gift is a blessing to their families, friends, and communities.

Each year, registrations for summer camp programs arrive at the Lutherlyn office, and with these registrations we also receive requests for camperships. It is thanks to you, and people like you, that these requests will be approved.

We are truly grateful for your dedication to this ministry and for the many Life-Changing Adventures in Faith you have made possible for campers this summer at Lutherlyn!

Yours in Ministry,

Thank you!

Deb
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.



A MINISTRY OF THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNODS OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA



A Message from Pastor Goetze

Here is an episode from the life of Rev. William A. Passavant (1821-1894), founder of the Orphan's Home in Zelenople, the Home for Epileptics in Rochester, and the Pittsburgh Hospital (now known as UPMC Passavant Hospital.)

The story reveals what Passavant learned about what comes first: the mission God gives us or the money to support it!

"One Saturday morning, on our way to Rochester, the conductor of the train brought to our notice the death of a pious widow, who, when dying, with many tears had committed her two little boys into his hands, with the earnest prayer to have them placed in the Home and Farm School.....we cheerfully consented to receive them, and arranged with him for their removal to the Home.

A gentleman,, sitting near, inquired whether we had money to support them; to which we replied that, when the work was commenced, we thought it necessary to have the money before we could receive the children;but God taught us the lesson that

THE CHILDREN MUST BE TAKEN IN, IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE MONEY; that this was the LAW OF CHRIST, "give and it shall be given unto you" and "whosoever receiveth one of these little ones in my Name, receiveth Me," and that if Christ were admitted into the Institution in the persons of "these the least of His disciples", there COULD NOT BE ANY WANT.

Leaving the train and passengers a few minutes afterwards, we quite forgot the conversation until the next morning, when a package was handed us by a friend who knew nothing of this occurrence, which contained five ten dollar gold pieces!

If such coincidences had not occurred a hundred times in the history of these Institutions we might look upon them as 'accidents', but happening, as they do, in the very moment of greatest need, we can regard them only as a delightful proof of the loving care and PROVIDENCE OF GOD."

Have you found this to be true in your own life?

Pastor Wilfred K. Goetze, Local Interim

Council Highlights – Meeting held September 14, 2021

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

Special Report from Pastor Asplin

- Pastor Asplin met with us to discuss the future of the church.
- There may be an option to share pastors with a couple of churches in Prospect, Pennsylvania.
- Another solution could be to partner with a church of another denomination.
- Council will discuss the path we want to take and get back to Pastor Asplin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- We received a thank you letter from Lutherlyn and the Cray House for our donations.

CHURCH MATTERS:

- Pastor Goetze is going to reach out to the IT person from Trinity Lutheran to speak with us about what would be involved in live streaming our service with better technology.
- The church will look into getting an estimate on repairing or replacing the heaters in the sanctuary.
- We will postpone the yard sale to the spring pending the pandemic.
- Fred DeDominicis made the motion to postpone the yard sale to the spring pending the pandemic. Terri Tankersly seconded. The motion carried.
- There was a request to use the Shepherd's Center on October 30th for a party of 75 people. They requested to go into the church the night before to decorate. Terri Tankersly made the motion to approve their request to use the Shepherd's Center. Hailey Tamaro seconded. The motion carried.

PROPERTY:

- The shelf in the library broke.
- There are several lights out in the sanctuary.
- We are going to get bids on a new roof.
- There were several bat droppings found in the sanctuary over the past couple of weeks.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Linda Marttala made the motion to extend Pastor Goetze's contract for three more months. Grover Welsh seconded. The motion carried.
- We will do the budget during the October council meeting, and we will hold a virtual congregational meeting on November 21st.

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.

