



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 11th at 7:00 pm.

Emergency Contact

If you have an emergency and aren't able to get in touch with anyone by calling the church office, please call or email Pastor Wil Goetze. He can be reached at 724-316-8107 or wgoetze@zoominternet.net

Good News!

Pastor Goetze will be staying with us through the end of 2022! We sincerely appreciate his dedication, service, and support!

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 24th.

For Rent

If you or you know someone who is in need of a large place to hold a party or a meeting, consider your church social hall. For non-members, the rent is only \$100. If using the kitchen facilities, it is \$125. We have had family get-togethers, business meetings and birthday parties take place in the hall this year. There is plenty of room to spread out and have some fun!

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to spruce up our church property. Some of the work has been done but there is much more to do! Look around and see what needs to be done. Some examples of the tasks that need to be completed are as follows: weed whacking, trimming with a push mower, and bush trimming. Thanks in advance for your help!

Communion Signup Sheet

All who attend Sunday services are asked to please sign the sheet on the table in the Narthex. This will help us know who has communed to maintain our records for the Synod. Thank You!

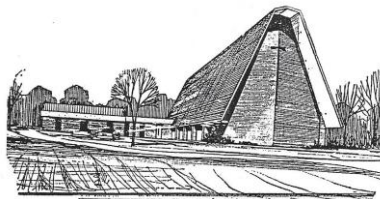
Best Wishes on Your Special Day to our Members and Friends of GSLC:

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



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Our Mission - 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.

Please Reach Out

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

Hahn, Linda
Quality Life Services
520 Friendship St.
New Castle, PA 16101

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

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

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

Pop Can Collection

A reminder that we are continuing to collect pop can tabs which are given to the VFW, who in turn process them for lodging and food for families of children that are in Children's Hospital. Any donations can be left by the main doors or in the library. They will be collected and processed appropriately.

Cancelled Postage Stamps

We are no longer collecting cancelled postage stamps for Lutheran World Relief. Thank you for you past participation in this mission!

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/>

Mission Project

Our Mission Project monetary donations for the months of October, November, and December will be given to the City Rescue Mission. Please mark this accordingly on your offering envelope. We will also be collecting Thanksgiving Dinner ingredients (i.e. canned yams, stuffing mix, canned gravy, evaporated milk, cranberry sauce, pie crust mix, pie filling, canned vegetables/fruit) as well as NEW Christmas gift items for children ages Newborn-14 (i.e. gloves/mittens/hats, socks, pajamas, coloring books, crayons, board games, toys, books, puzzles, hair dryers, curling irons, footballs, sports accessories, jewelry, makeup).

Recycled Metal Update

Recycled metals of all kinds (mostly aluminum cans): \$72.05

Recycled metal from roof replacement: \$129.16

Thank you to our known contributors: Karen Boulden, John and Frances Nelson, Carl and Barb Turk, and Fred DeDominicis.

Thank you also to our anonymous contributors!

There are still more cans to be processed. Names of contributors will be added when new totals are posted.

Finally, thank you to Fred for leading this recycling project!

The New Castle Music Club Chorus

You are invited to join the chorus as they celebrate their 80th anniversary performance of George Frideric Handel's masterwork oratorio, The Messiah. All may participate regardless of age or religious persuasion. Student-singers are especially invited to join in. Please bring a copy of the oratorio. Alternatively, you may purchase a score for \$8 at rehearsal. Scheduled rehearsals and additional information can be found on www.ncmusicclubchorus.org.

Rehearsal site: First Presbyterian Church

125 North Jefferson Street

New Castle, PA 16101

Performance: Sunday, November 27, 2022, 3pm

Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church

415 Fourth Street

Ellwood City, PA 16117

Please RSVP to one of the following with your name and voice part:

Email: hcham@aol.com (Please write "Messiah 2022" on the subject line)

Website (preferred): www.ncmusicclubchorus.org/plans.php

Phone (chorus secretary): 724-652-3466

Council Highlights – Meeting held September 13th, 2022

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

MINUTES:

- There was a difference of \$125 in the yard sale amount in the minutes and the financial reports. We will look into this further to be sure we have the correct amount from the yard sale.
- Terri Lombardo made the motion to accept the minutes for August 2022 pending the correct amount for the yard sale. Keith Kuttesch seconded. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- We received a letter from a member of the community about doing a house blessing because they feel there are spirits in the home. Pastor Goetze responded politely stating the person should look into other pastors because he doesn't have much experience with a circumstance like that.
- Corrine Miller requested to use the fellowship hall on November 19, 2022. Terri Lombardo made the motion for Corrine Miller to use the fellowship hall on November 19, 2022. Keith Kuttesch seconded. The motion carried.

CHURCH MATTERS:

- Ruth Johns made the motion to make The City Rescue Mission our mission project for October, November, and December. Keith Kuttesch seconded. The motion carried. We will accept both monetary and food donations.
- Terri Lombardo made the motion to extend Pastor Goetze as our interim pastor until the end of 2022. Ruth Johns seconded. The motion carried.
- We discussed the dissolution of the church. Good Shepherd meets several of the reasons to close the church as stated by the ELCA Synod.
- Keith and Chuck will look into sending flyers to members of the community via bulk mail.
- Hailey will draft a letter to the members of the church stating the situation that the church is in and reminding them about our congregational meeting in November.
- We will wait until the end of the year to update our constitution.
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PROPERTY:

- Fred replaced the leaky faucets in the ladies room.
- The ladies handicap toilet was fixed.
- The boiler pump repair was done by Central Heating (it cost \$ 2,052.00)
- The bat exterminator gave us sticky pads to attempt to trap the bats.
- Fred met with the owner of Alex Masonry & Restoration and he gave us an estimate of almost \$5,000 to fix the crack in the building where he thinks the bats are entering.
- We could also rent a lift for \$885 for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday and Fred could go up himself and fix the crack.
- Terri Lombardo made the motion that Fred has permission to rent a lift from Equipment Rental Options for \$885 after exploring other options from Aaron Tervo. Jodi Tammaro seconded. The motion carried.
- There has been leaking in the same spot that there was before in the roof. The roofing company came out and discovered there are a lot of leaves blocking the drain which is causing the leak. They cleared the leaves and the roof has since not leaked.
- The shed needs to be painted and one of the shingles needs repaired.

INTERIM PASTOR'S REPORT:

- Pastor Goetze encouraged council members to read & pray through Ephesians chapter 1 (especially verses 15-20).

NEW BUSINESS:

- Our congregational meeting will be held on November 20, 2022 after church both on Zoom and in person.

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 Tamaro, Terri Tankersley, Jodi Tamaro, Chuck Kennedy, and Keith Kuttesch.
- ❖ 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 Jack Lynn, 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, and Hailey Tamaro, 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 and their caregivers: Linda Hahn, Fran Nelson, Don Suorsa, and Bertha Metzger.

Saturday Prayer

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

