



The Shepherd's Pipe



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Vicar's Note

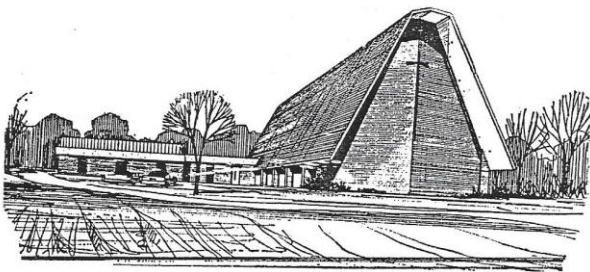
Dear Friends in Christ,

As I sit down to write this, it is hard to believe that almost a month has passed on this journey of Internship. I first want to thank you for welcoming me and my family into the Good Shepherd family. I am thankful for all the help and support that you have shown me and I am looking forward to what the month of September will have in store for us.

While it is technically still summer, these past few days have felt more like beautiful fall days to me. School is back in session or for those starting a little later it soon will be. The start of the school year also means that Sunday School and other Christian Education activities are resuming here at Good Shepherd and Sunday mornings will be starting a bit earlier.

These changes of season may remind of us other changes taking place in our lives and in our world. Sometimes change is something exciting, something to embrace, and at other times change can cause anxiety and stress. No matter what the situation we find our anchor in Christ. If you find yourself in a stressful or challenging season of life, I pray that you find comfort in the promises of God. I am reminded of Philippians 4:6-7, "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." May the peace of Christ be with each of you!

Vicar Chris



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
of New Castle

Best Wishes on Your Special Day in September:

Happy Birthday!

- 1 – Liliana DeRiggi
 Leroy Ransom
 Donald Suorsa
- 2 – Tyson Hicks
- 3 – Adam McCurdy
- 6 – Jamie Roberts
- 7 – Kenneth Braho, Jr.
 Natalie Beaver
- 8 – Frank Bruno
- 10 – Stefanie Leonard
- 12 – Lisa Medved
 Marci Mrozek
- 13 – Taylor Davis
 Barbara Pawlak
 Eli Turk
- 16 – Stephen Kline
- 18 – Tyler Braho
 Amber Davis
 Amy Rice
- 19 – Lisa Turk Nelson
- 20 – Brian Johns
 Alba Kessler
- 21 – Dakota Hicks
 Marcia Lane
 Lauren DeRiggi
- 22 – Astor Westrick
- 24 – Luke Johns
 Kirstan Tervo
 David Morrison
- 26 – John Mrozek
- 27 – Lee Michael
 Barbara Turk
- 30 – Curtis Johns
 Betsy Read
 Hailey Tammaro

Happy Anniversary!

- 4 – Donald and Irene
 Fracul
 Richard and Viola
 Ratvasky
- 5 – Frank J. and
 Megan Augustine
- 14 – James and Carol
 Roberts
- 16 – Lee and Debra
 Michael
 Edward and Bria
 Westrick
- 17 – Curtis and Ruth
 Johns
- 19 – John and
 Frances Nelson
- 20 – Tyson and
 Nancie Hicks
- 24 – Frank and
 Kimberly Augustine
 Christopher and
 Michonda Weber
- 26 – Douglas and
 Helen Iorio

Property Clean Up

We will be meeting at 9:00 am on Wednesday, September 4 to tidy up the church grounds.

United Way Day of Caring

The United Way Day of Caring to be held in New Castle on Thursday, September 5, 2019. This is an opportunity for individuals to participate in community service. There will be a breakfast and a brief program at Cascade Park from 8:00 to 9:15 a.m. Community service projects will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If interested, please stop in the church office for a sign-up form or call the United Way of Law. Co. at (724) 658-8528 or uwlawcty@comcast.net

Sunday School Rally Day

Join us for Rally Day, the first day of Sunday School on Sunday, September 8 at 9:15 am. Diana Braun will be teaching children in kindergarten through 6th grade.

Council Meeting

Our monthly Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00 pm.

Vision Committee

Members of the Vision Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 18 at 6:00 pm.

Cards for Mary Penwell

Anyone who would like to send a card or other well wishes to Mary Penwell, who is recuperating at her daughter's home, may send them to: Mary Penwell C/O Barbara Erwin, 301 Settlers Lane, Kure Beach, NC 28449.

September Mission Project

This month, we will be collecting money to donate to Meals On Wheels.

Church Yard Sale

Our annual yard sale will be held Friday, October 4th and Saturday, October 5th from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Donations of clean and gently used items can be dropped off in the Shepherd Center through Thursday, October 3rd. We are accepting all clothing this year. Volunteers will be needed for setting up tables, pricing and sorting through items, making quarts of soup to sell, donate baked goods, and work in the kitchen serving a light lunch on the days of the yard sale. Sign-up sheets for volunteers are available on the table in the narthex. Please contact Ruth Johns with any questions at (724) 657-4733. 90% of the proceeds from this event will go to our General Fund and 10% will be donated to Meals On Wheels.

Committee Sign-Ups

We are always looking for new committee members! Now is a great time to join!

- ❖ Worship and Music – A meeting was held on August 21st. The next meeting will be held early to mid-November.
- ❖ Vision – Our next meeting is scheduled for September 18th at 6:00 pm.
- ❖ Fellowship – Plans events to share food and good times together.
- ❖ Outreach – NEW! Looks for ways to provide opportunities to connect with the community while fundraising to help support the church.

If you are interested in being a part of any of the committees listed, there is a sign-up sheet available on the narthex table or you may call the church office at (724) 654-8246.

Pull Tab Challenge

Pull tabs are still being collected for Thrivent's Pull Tab Challenge for the Ronald McDonald House until Tuesday, December 3. There is a box in the library where you may place them.

Soffit and Fascia Project

If anyone has recommendations for someone who may be able to help work on this project, please let us know by calling the church office.

Baby Bottles of Money for the Alpha Omega Organization

The money has not been sent in yet. If you still have a bottle you would like to turn in you may drop it in the offering plate or put it in the church office. We have collected \$352.75 so far. Let's see if we can't make it more!

Join Us for Zumba!

Zumba is here at Good Shepherd! Please note that the time has changed to Wednesdays at 9:00 am for the summer months. The cost is \$4 and our instructor is Danielle Johns.

Fundraiser Opportunity

Eastbrook Presbyterian Church has given us an opportunity to join them in working at games and concerts in Pittsburgh to raise money for our church. Our first group of volunteers worked at a Pirates game in the sweltering heat for a sell-out crowd that included a rain delay. They survived and are willing to go back, so come and join them to raise money for your church.

We had been given a deadline to get all of our paperwork done and seven people did that. We are now looking for a second round of people to complete the training to add more volunteers. Below, please find the links to the training you need to complete in order to volunteer. Black pants and black tennis shoes are the uniform.

Any questions can be directed to Diana Tervo, Linda Marttala or Curt and Ruth Johns

The links are:

ServSafe:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uw-lmSBj0EQ>

-The acknowledgment form is in the attachment with the NPO Documents. This form is to be signed and returned to us for course credit.

RAMP:

-This training is renewed every 2 years.

-When asked for the LID # please enter 48228 and send us a copy of your CERTIFICATE when training course is completed.

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*IF you take the online RAMP- you must complete the attached "RAMP Employee Signature."
Please note that you must enter your name, date of birth, and last 4 digits of your social security number on the top. You will then initial all the dotted lines on the right hand side of the page and sign your name at the bottom.

Council Highlights – Meeting held on August 13, 2019

Thank you to Pastor Peggy for gifting her compensation and mileage as Local Interim Pastor for the month of July.

Thank you to Christine and Pastor Brandon Johns for the donation of a new swing. Thanks also to Curt Johns, Sr. and Fred DeDominicis for getting this installed.

Thank you to everyone who brought food, attended, or helped with the church picnic. It was a wonderful day of fellowship.

We are looking into our Facebook pages. We currently have two pages but hope to only have one and we want to archive the pictures if possible.

Sunday School will be starting back on September 8th, Rally Day. Vicar Chris will also be looking into the needs for First Communion and Confirmation.

The Youth Group is trying to arrange an outing (mini golf) and are looking into the possibility of a fall retreat.

The Worship Committee will be having a meeting in the next few weeks.

Bids are being sought for the soffit and fascia project. We are waiting to hear back concerning those bids.

There will be a property clean-up day on September 4th, beginning at 9:00 am.

The Vision Committee will meet on September 18th at 6:00 pm. Note that Council referred the revision of the Shepherd Center / Building Use Policy to this committee.

Ruth Johns volunteered to organize the GSLC Yard Sale on October 4th and 5th. Rosina Mowrey and Shirley Mazzocca have volunteered to take care of the lunch counter, bake and soup sale during the sale. A motion was made and passed to give 10% of the earnings of the sale to Meals on Wheels.

Pastor Peggy submitted a report for the month of July and Vicar Chris submitted a draft report. Both will submit monthly reports at Church Council.

Arrangements for Holy Communion were discussed. We are thankful for Pastor McCurdy's willingness to preside at the table. We are looking at the best way to balance arrangements that have been made with Trinity Episcopal with the opportunities to utilize Pastor McCurdy's presence in this community.

The next council meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Circles of Prayer for Mission

Please pray for the members of Good Shepherd:

Daily Prayer

- ❖ For Vicar Chris, in his 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: Theresa Andrews, Fred DeDominicis, Brian Johns, Curtis Johns, Curt Johns, Terri Lombardo, Linda Marttala, Hailey Tamaro, 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 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 Tamaro, 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: Alba Kessler, Delores LeComte, Don Michael, Fran Nelson, Don Suorsa, Kim Cook.

Saturday 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.

LOOKING AHEAD

- SEPTEMBER
 - 5 United Way Day of Caring
 - 7 Volunteers Working at Heinz Field
 - 8 Rally Day Sunday
 - 10 Church Council
 - 21 Volunteers Working at Heinz Field
 - 28 Volunteers Working at Heinz Field

- OCTOBER
 - 4-5 Yard Sale
 - 8 Church Council
 - 26 Volunteers Working at Heinz Field

- NOVEMBER
 - 5 Outreach Election Day Bake Sale
 - 12 Church Council
 - 14 Volunteers Working at Heinz Field
 - 24 Congregational Meeting
 - 30 Volunteers Working at Heinz Field

- DECEMBER
 - ?? Decorate the Church for Christmas
 - 10 Church Council
 - 22 Children's Christmas Program Followed by Luncheon
 - 24 Christmas Eve Service
 - 25 CHRISTMAS

Zumba is currently being held every Wednesday at 9:00 AM in the Shepherd Center.

Committee meeting dates and events will be added as they are planned. Keep checking back for updates!

NWPA & SWPA WOMEN OF THE ELCA WEEKEND RETREAT AT CAMP LUTHERLYN

Psalm 95:1-2 Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. ²Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

PRAISE PRAY PLAY



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