



# 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, September 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:wgoetze@zoominternet.net)

## Additions to Newsletter

Do you have something to publish in The Shepherd's Pipe? Please have any submissions into the church office by **Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.**

## 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!

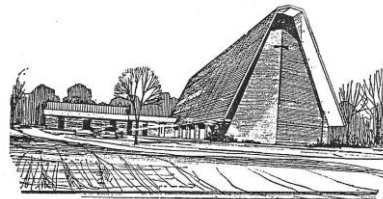
## Best Wishes on Your Special Day to our Members and Friends of GSLC:

### Happy Birthday!

- 1 – Liliana DeRiggi  
Donald Suorsa
- 2 – Tyson Hicks
- 3 – Adam McCurdy
- 7 – Natalie Beaver
- 8 – Frank Bruno
- 10 – Stefanie Leonard
- 12 – Lisa Medved  
Marcia Mrozek
- 13 – Taylor Davis  
Barbara Pawlak  
Eli Turk
- 18 – Amber Davis
- 19 – Lisa Turk Nelson
- 21 – Dakota Hicks  
Marcia Lane  
Lauren DeRiggi
- 22 – Astor Westrick
- 24 – Kirstan Tervo
- 26 – John Mrozek
- 27 – Lee Michael  
Barbara Turk
- 30 – Curtis Johns  
Hailey Hughes

### Happy Anniversary!

- 4 – Richard and Viola Ratvasky
- 5 – Frank J. and Megan Augustine
- 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  
Scott and Hailey Hughes



### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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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

## 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](http://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](mailto:hcham@aol.com) (Please write "Messiah 2022" on the subject line)

**Website (preferred):**  
[www.ncmusicclubchorus.org/plans.php](http://www.ncmusicclubchorus.org/plans.php)

**Phone (chorus secretary):** 724-652-3466

## 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](http://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 donations for the months of July, August and September will be given to the Red Cross. Please designate "Red Cross" on your offering envelope for the amount you wish to donate or use an envelope on the Narthex table.

## 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.

## **Council Highlights – Meeting held August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

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

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

- The audit has been completed as of August 2022 by Hailey Hughes and Jodi Tamaro.
- Ruth Johns turned in her books on July 30th. Evy Amerson took over as treasurer on August 1st.

### **CHURCH MATTERS:**

- Shirley Mazzocca talked to the church council president from Emmanuel Lutheran of Prospect and said they decided to join a co-op group of five other churches in the Butler area and were unable to partner with us.

### **PROPERTY:**

- Fred worked on getting the faucets replaced in the ladies restroom and in the kitchen.
- There is a slow leak in the handicap toilet in the ladies restroom. Fred is going to work on fixing that problem.
- There is a moldy smell in the pastor's office and the library. We will ask Grover to open the windows while he's there to let in some air flow.
- We will contact the bat exterminators again to resolve that issue.
- Fred looked into the solar lights outside the church. We will get information on pricing for that and look into it further.

### **INTERIM PASTOR'S REPORT:**

- Pastor Goetze spoke with Pastor Snyder from St. John's Lutheran Church in New Castle. They spoke about the possibility of sharing churches for Wednesday Advent services or helping with community dinners.
- A local woman and her daughter reached out to Pastor and worshiped with us this past month. Pastor will reach out to them again to check in and let them know we are holding them in prayer.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- The yard sale was a success and raised \$4,459.14.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- We will be cleaning out the attic and donating what is useful and disposing of what is not.
- Shirley called Butz Flowers because the flowers recently have been wilted and not well put together. The woman at Butz Flowers said she would make note of the issue for the future.

## **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.

