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Our Mission: "To Know, Live and Share God's Word"

The Shepherd's Voice

July/August 2018

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE
GOOD SHEPHERD

July

7/1	Matthew Gasbarro
7/2	Michael Popplewell
	Cyn Mallalieu
7/3	Jane Young
	Marino Hernandez
7/4	Peter White
	Shayne Zaplitny
	Jennifer Williams
7/8	Jaxon Wilgis
	Dylan Werner
7/9	Harry Rothkugel
	Joe Siple
7/10	Martha George
	Rachel DiGaetano
	Salimata Bangura
7/11	Joan Davis
7/13	Sarah Panning
	Erin Scheivert
7/14	Sue Durborow
	Mike Logue
7/15	Dot Cumens
7/15	Dave Seegers
	Denise Rubincam
7/16	Seanne Hetzel
7/17	Susanna Varga
	Robert Bisignaro, Sr.
	Holly Charest
7/19	Carol Atkinson
7/20	Eric Sacco
7/21	Donovan Charest
	Ruth Anderson
	Garett McGeehan
7/22	Skylar Zaplitny
	Robert Kuch
7/25	Allie Smith
7/26	Avery Browne
	Kay Rineer
7/27	Watta Koroma
	Leslie Wendland
7/28	Barry Hadley
	Kendall Radwick
7/30	Carolyn Harrje

7/6	Milt & Thea Searles	45 yrs.
7/8	Rick & Cindy Ritter	29 yrs.
7/10	Sandy & Park Davidson	47 yrs.
7/11	Phil & Seanne Hetzel	31 yrs.
7/13	Heidi & Matt Marcelli	6 yrs.
7/17	Jeannie & Dave Dunn	32 yrs.
7/20	William & Susan Huston	44 yrs.
7/21	John & Karen Mitchell	34 yrs.
7/21	John & Jill Humenick	17 yrs.
7/21	Lisa & Glen White	11 yrs.
7/24	Bob & Jeanne Broderick	14 yrs.
7/25	Joe & Carol Atkinson	26 yrs.
7/25	Shannon & Robert Martz	9 yrs.
7/26	Ed & Terry Simpson	38 yrs.
7/26	Derek & Jane Ross	32 yrs.

August

8/1	Joan Smith
8/2	Samia Tarley
	Mike Yost
8/3	Barb Althouse
	Bernie Tandarich
	Dana Werner
	Samuel Williams
8/5	Evelyn Hadley
8/6	Sharon Gainor
	Jo McAdoo
	Laura Mentzer
	Ashley Miles
8/7	Bob Haines
8/8	Derrick Dorley
8/9	Mary Aker
	Valerie Neff
	Maya Smith
8/10	Hubertha Althouse
8/11	Alexis Rubincam
8/13	Carly Willard
8/14	Boyd Bruce
8/15	Aubrey Aviles-Barajas Castro
8/16	Bill Snell
8/17	Mildred Coates
8/18	EB Smith
8/19	Tony Genaro
	Presley Solt
8/20	Aiden Rosa
	Muriel Storrs
	Hanny White
	Tucker Willard
8/21	Gisela Bisignaro
8/22	Raul Castro
	Ruth McMahon
8/24	Sangai Bangura
	Sando Dorley
	Beth Douty
	Ross Kirchgasser
	Megan Murray
	Nancie Ritchie
8/25	Onie Ames
	Matt Mentzer
8/26	Rosalyn Rico
	Bobbi Schini
8/27	Ishmael Anderson
	Joe Hamelton
	Mary Lou Taylor
8/28	Sanne Eisenhauer
8/29	Ted Alderman
	Walt McCulley, Jr.
	Christy Smith
	Danielle Taylor
8/30	Claudette Milbourne
8/31	Tony Hufnagel
	Bill Osborne
	Gary Plumley
	Aracelis Whiteman

8/2	Dave & Lynn Seegers	49 yrs.
8/2	Bill & Jo McAdoo	49 yrs.
8/11	Chip & Maureen Breuninger	45 yrs.
8/13	Jennifer & Todd Williams	7 yrs.
8/18	Cynthia & Jim Hall	45 yrs.
8/19	Jean & Jim Sacco	51 yrs.
8/21	Joe & Barb Siple	47 yrs.
8/23	Mike & Deb Mentzer	38 yrs.
8/24	Steve & Leslie Wendland	*** 50 yrs ***
8/25	Philip & Christiana Bangura	14 yrs.

Pastor's Page

Under Construction

Road work. It is one of summertime's less enjoyable realities. One minute your travel plans are going smoothly, and the next you find yourself sitting, unable to move forward, while the road crew works to repair the road in front of you, or turning onto a detour that may or may not be clearly marked.

In theory, we all know that road work is a good thing. It makes our roads safer and more pleasant for travel. Road work to improve the roads is better for the suspension systems of our cars. And yet, in that moment, we may get impatient or frustrated as we either get lost on the detour or just sit at the work area…waiting…and falling behind schedule.

We, too, are under construction – and not just in the summer, but year round. God is constantly at work on each one of us, re-creating our hearts and minds. Like the road work, people of faith have always understood this to be a good thing, but…

God's re-creation may cause us to detour onto a path we never intended to take. God's re-working of our hearts may force us to stop what we are doing (what we want to do) and make us pause to wait upon the Lord. God's re-building of our perspectives, attitudes, and general opinions may place us in situations where we face uncomfortable questions and that lead us to finally see what we have resisted seeing for years.

This can be uncomfortable to say the least. And remember this: With God, we are ALWAYS under construction. It's not a once and done event. It is a continual process of transformation.

What this means for us as people of faith is that no one ever has all the answers; no one is ever finished growing in faith or in their relationship with God. And this reality has a few implications.

First, if we are always in faith formation, then we never "graduate" from Sunday School or Bible Study. We will always need to hear a perspective other than our own. We always need to spend time with others and alone in reflection, study, and prayer. We must always have open, LISTENING hearts.

Second, if each one of us is always under construction, then none of us are finished products yet. This can help us live in grace with our own selves and with others. Hopefully it helps us to see and to forgive our own failings, and to encourage and help us to forgive the failings of others.

There is an old saying, "God's not finished with me yet!" Nope. God is still at work. On you. On me. On all of us. Why does God continue this? So God can love us? NO. God ALREADY loves every single one of us. It is because God loves us so much that God continues this work of transformation!

We are all under construction, works in progress. And we are all loved by God. May we strive to love one another, as works in progress, as God loves each one of us.

Pastor Susan Lynch

A reminder from Doreen Jacoby

The Good Shepherd's By-laws remind us that to be considered and "Active" member a person must be communing and contributing. Hopefully, everyone at Good Shepherd is doing this! Please remember to sign the attendance sheet, or fill out a communion card once a year, to confirm that you are participating in Holy Communion. This is the only way we can keep the church records accurate for "communing members." Thank you for your help to get this information to the office for recording.

Summertime = Increased Need for High-Protein Food Table Items!

The Good Shepherd Food Table (located in the narthex on the back side of the stairwell) serves our church family and others who are truly in need of food assistance. **Summertime can be a time of increased need as children are not receiving meals at school!** Please consider donating non-perishable food items high in protein, such as: canned meat (tuna, chicken), peanut butter, canned stews and chunky soups, etc. Also accepted are cereals, pasta, rice, sauce, and jarred baby food. Canned vegetables are not needed at this time! Thank you for your continuing support!

Summer Worship Music

Special Music for Summer at Good Shepherd - We are called to share and use our gifts. What better time than during summer worship. It can be a solo, duet, trio; vocal or instrumental. Most rehearsals can be held on Sundays before or after the 9:30 service. If you are interested, please contact Al Spotts at aspotts@luthgoodshep.org.

Your favorite hymn/hymns are needed! We're planning to use favorite hymns from the red and the purple hymnals during summer worship. Your favorites from either hymnal could be scheduled to be sung during summer worship. Simply email me with your favorite/favorites at aspotts@luthgoodshep.org**.** Please list which hymnal and the page number)

Vacation Bible School 2018

Mark your calendars!

Sunday, July 15 - Thursday, July 19

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Complimentary dinner beginning at 5:30 pm

We are looking for volunteers to rescue our castaways!

Please see Sandy Haines, Pastor Lynch, Margaret Roth or Stephanie Griffith if you are interested in helping!

Bear Creek Family Camp Experiences

Week Long Summer Family Camp, July 1-6; Artists' Camp, July 1-6; Labor Day Family Camp, 8/31 – 9/3. http://bearcreekcamp.org/weekend-family-camps/ for more information!

On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, I want to thank all of the Thrivent members that have sent Choice dollars to Good Shepherd. You can direct your dollars by calling 1-800 847-4836 and asking for Thrivent Choice at the prompt, or you can go online and send them to Good Shepherd yourself, Thrivent.com, then Thrivent Choice. Last year Thrivent donated over 200 million to benefit others. Thrivent is a non-profit fraternal benefit society and a Fortune 500 company.

Thrivent Action Teams

Don't forget to take advantage of a Thrivent Action Project. Each adult member (age 16 or older) is entitled to two (2) $250 action team projects per year. Persons who only own mutual funds are entitled to three (3) $250 project grants in their lifetime. These projects could benefit Good Shepherd, or your favorite charity. Isn't it time you knew more about Thrivent Financial? They can help with your life insurance, disability insurance, long term care and Medicare supplement insurance, investment and retirement needs. Call 610-247-2981 and ask for Megan Tebay at the Exton office.

Lutheran Marriage Encounter

Attention Married Couples:

Marriage is a journey! A Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey. Sign up TODAY to be sure to get the Weekend of your choice.

Weekends scheduled this fall in Northeast US are:

* September 14-16, 2018 at Spruce Lake Retreat in Canadensis, PA. A lovely hotel-style retreat center with many acres of woodlands in the heart of the Poconos, an hour north of Allentown, PA .

* October 19-21, 2018 at Olmsted Retreat Center. A stunning, hotel-style retreat center adjacent to the Olmsted Mansion in the Allegheny National Forest, 2 hours north of Pittsburgh.

* November 9-11, 2018 at Hampton Inn Berkshires in Lenox, Massachusetts. Situated on the edge of a nature preserve in the heart of the Berkshires, an hour northwest of Springfield MA.

Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward the continuation of the program. For further information or to sign up, go to: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and pay the $100 registration fee with your credit card, or mark the option to mail a check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure, contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or fjschamber@comcast.net.

Vacation Bible School
July 15 – July 19

July 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Wood Church 9:30am Worship 1pm Room 11 Rental	**2** 12:30pm Sr. Grp. Cards 6:30pm TOPS	**3** 1pm Prayer Shawl 7pm Adventure Crew	**4 Independence Day** Church office closed	**5** 6:30pm Liberian Comm. Bible Share	**6** 12:30pm Sr. Grp. Cards	**7**
8 9:30am Worship 1pm Room 11 Rental	**9** 12:30pm Sr. Grp. Cards 6:30pm TOPS	**10** 7pm Adventure Crew	**11** 10:30am Sr. Stitchers 7pm Boy Scouts	**12** 1pm Mission Quilting 7:15 pm Property Meeting	**13** 12:30pm Sr. Grp. Cards 4pm Hall setup	**14** 4pm Hall Rental
15 9:30am Worship 1pm Room 11 Rental 5:30pm VBS Dinner 6pm VBS	**16** 12:30pm Sr. Grp. Cards 5:30pm VBS Dinner 6pm VBS 6:30pm TOPS	**17** 1pm Prayer Shawl 7pm Adventure Crew 5:30pm VBS Dinner 6pm VBS	**18** 5:30pm VBS Dinner 6pm VBS 7pm Boy Scouts	**19** 5:30pm VBS Dinner 6pm VBS 6:30pm Community Liberian Bible Share 7pm Stephen Ministry Mtg.	**20** 12pm Sr. Grp. Cards 5pm Hall Rental	**21** 9am Work Day 5pm Hall Rental
22 9:30am Worship 1pm Room 11 Rental 2pm Church Council/Staff picnic	**23** 12:30pm Sr. Grp. Cards 6:30pm TOPS	**24** 9:30am Sr. Grp Bingo 7pm Venture Crew	**25** 10:30am Sr. Stitchers 7pm Boy Scouts	**26** 1pm Mission Quilting 1:30pm Sr. Grp Birthday Party	**27** 12pm Sr. Grp. Cards	**28** 4pm Liberian Gathering
29 9:30am Worship 1pm Room 11 Rental	**30** 12:30pm Sr. Grp. Cards 6:30pm TOPS	**31** 7pm Venture Crew	1 7pm Boy Scouts	**Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd** **107 S. 17th Ave., Coatesville, PA 19320** **610-384-2035** **www.luthgoodshep.org** **Office Hours: Mon – Thurs 9:00 -1:00 pm**		

Genesis 8:22
22 "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

August 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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26 9:30am Worship 1pm Room 11 Rental	**27** 12:30pm Sr. Grp. Cards 6:30pm TOPS 7pm Handbell Rehearsal	**28** 7pm Adventure Crew	**29** 6pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7pm Boy Scouts	**30**	**31** 12pm Sr. Grp. Cards	1 10am Hall Rental

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2018 VBS Registration Form

July 15 – 19, 2018
6pm – 8:30pm

(Please fill out 1 form per child)

Child's name:_____

Child's age:_____ Date of birth:_____ Last school grade completed:_____

Parents or guardians

_____

Street address

_____

City:_____State:_____ZIP:_____

Parent/caregiver's cell phone: _____

Home email address

_____

Home church:

_____

Tshirt Size (circle one): Youth: XS S M L XL Adult: S M L XL XXL

Return completed forms to the church office, or email to adminsupport@luthgoodshep.org

Crew number or name (for church use only): _____

Allergies or other medical conditions

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In case of emergency, contact

_____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child:_____

Completed forms can be returned to Sandy Haines, adminsupport@luthgoodshep.org; or mail to
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