

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
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June 2018

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

The Shepherd's Voice

June 2018





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6/25 Bev Yost
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6/27 Satta Dorley
Kieran Barnes
6/28 Anna Marie Alderman
6/29 Barbara Brown
6/29 Conor Murray
6/30 George Pavelik
Jessie Groff



6/3	Martin & Hazel Flynn	68 yrs.	6/21	Vicki & Bob Rubincam	38 yrs.
6/5	Julie & Joe Regenski	14 yrs.	6/21	Jennifer & Craig Florschutz	21 yrs.
6/7	Jim & Nancy Norton	49 yrs.	6/21	Ron & Kimberly Przychodzien	24 yrs.
6/8	Mathew & Laura Mentzer	5 yrs.	6/23	Sandy & Don Wirth	45 yrs.
6/10	Tim & Lori Urban	29 yrs.	6/23	Kim & Doug Tapscott	39 yrs.
6/10	Karen Smith & Sharon Hopkins	2 yrs.	6/25	Dave & Shirley Blount	42 yrs.
6/12	Dave & Pam Dean	19 yrs.	6/26	Karen & Peter White	42 yrs.
6/12	JoAnn & John DiOttavio	36 yrs.	6/26	April & Matthew Gasbarro	19 yrs.
6/13	Hank & Deb Panning	31 yrs.	6/26	Ron & Sandy Weagley	53 yrs.
6/18	Jim & Gail Monteith	30 yrs.	6/27	Kelly & Steven Emig	26 yrs.
6/19	Dennis & Kay Rineer	36 yrs.	6/29	Jessie & John Groff	5 yrs.

Pastor's Page

A few weeks ago I planted my garden. Tomatoes, peppers, green beans, radishes, carrots, and even a bit of lettuce went in the ground with the herbs that returned this spring. The hope, of course, is that they will grow and soon bear good and delicious fruit. To promote this hoped for future, I commit myself to three to five months of weeding, watering, and caring for what I have planted.

Some of their growth is dependent on things that are beyond the scope of my care – including things like summer weather patterns. Will there be enough sunny days? Will it be too hot? Will there be too much or too little rain? And what if the plants themselves are weak or become ill, or just don't grow for some inexplicable reason?

Usually, there is growth. But it varies from plant to plant. Two years ago, I had one tomato plant that looked healthy but stayed small, and produced no fruit at all. No matter what I did, the plant just did not grow.

When we talk about faith, we are hopefully talking about something that is growing, AND growing in a way that is pleasing to God. Just like my garden, faith takes some intentional nurturing to grow. Here are a few questions and thoughts to get you thinking about growing your faith.

What are you planting? What are you planting in terms of faith, in your heart and in your mind? We tend to nurture and care for what we plant, so WHAT we plant matters. When you are in worship on Sunday, are you planting a love in your heart that welcomes ALL people and generates kindness? Are you planting generosity? Are you planting an awareness of God's presence, not only for you and your needs, but are you planting in your heart an awareness of the presence our God who shows up for others as well?

What "weeds" do you need to pull up? What are the things in your heart, mind, and life that stop the growth of your faith? Do you harbor the weeds of old grudges in your heart? Do you cling to the weeds of prejudice – racism, sexism, etc.? Do you need to pull up the weeds of self-interest and busyness in your life in order to make room for God and God's purpose for your life? All of these and more will get in the way and slow the growth of your faith. It is important to identify and name the weeds growing around your faith. Once identified, work to eradicate these weeds from your heart and mind.

How are you caring for your faith? Do you worship in the community of faith regularly? Do you study scripture and pray daily? Do you listen only to those faith ideas that give you comfort or are you open to ideas that CHALLENGE and STRETCH your idea of who God is and what God is doing in the world. Listening only to what comforts you will NOT grow your faith.

Jesus challenged people to look at God and the world with new eyes. God has always challenged the church by expanding OUR ideas of what is "right" with a much larger vision of GOD's ALL INCLUSIVE, EVER EXPANDING GRACE. The bigness of God's love and the direction of God's mission have ALWAYS CHALLENGED AND PUSHED the church to new perspectives and in new directions which God's people have historically resisted.

How you feed and challenge your faith to grow matters. Remember, growth is rarely easy. It will stretch and pull you. It will frequently be uncomfortable. But without growth, you are limited in your ability to bear fruit.

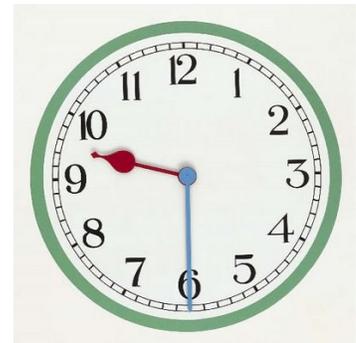
Is your faith bearing fruit? Items #1-3 directly correlate to how your faith bears fruit. The hope is that your faith and life WILL bear fruit which will be pleasing to God; that you will grow into the person and disciple that God has created you to be. God has a purpose for you as a person of faith. God invites you into the grace filled tasks of bringing the graces of mercy, healing, and justice into being in our world in an abundant way. True spiritual growth bears fruit. And fruit *always* contains the seeds of new life, the promise for the future.

Our call from God is to be a part of the work of resurrection, to be people who bring new life to places where there has only been suffering, brokenness, and even death. We are to be people of the promise, people of the Good News of Resurrection. Our hands and feet and hearts are created and sent into the world for God's purpose.

So, how is your faith growing?

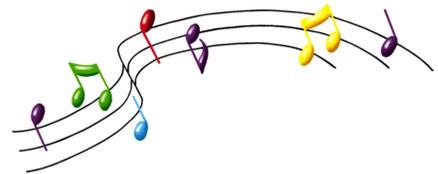
Pastor Susan Lynch

Summer Worship has begun (5/27)!!
One service at 9:30 am, with communion.
No Sunday School



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)

Graduate Recognition Sunday

Sunday, June 3rd.



Calling all graduates! If you or anyone you know from our congregation will be graduating High School, College or Trade School this spring, please email Sandy Haines with information: name, school graduating from, degree if applicable, and any awards or special recognition being given at time of graduation. adminsupport@luthgoodshep.org

Needed: A Good Shepherd Communicator!

The Evangelism/Social Ministry Committee is looking for an individual(s) to join our group and handle communications with local newspapers and information outlets in our community. This person would be willing to notice newsworthy items at Good Shepherd, obtain details from committees, etc., and notify information outlets in a timely manner. Help us spread the word to our community about activities and events at Good Shepherd! Please see Fran Ciccione or Pam Dean if interested.

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!



Boy Scout Troop 117 - "Buy a Board"

Dear Friends of Boy Scout Troop 117,

Troop 117 will be going to Camp Horseshoe the week of July 15-22, 2018. The Leaders going to camp will continue to repair the Adirondack buildings that we use during our week at camp. In order to do this, we need to purchase cypress lumber. We are asking our troop families, other troops that use Rothrock, and our friends to chip in to "Buy a Board". For \$25 (more or less), you can buy a board to help us do these necessary repairs. We will gratefully accept any amount you wish to donate. Please make your donation by June 1, 2018.

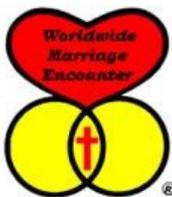
Send your check made payable to BSA Troop 117 to: C. Coxson, 3210 Raye RD,
Thorndale, PA 19372

Thank you for your continued support!

Chuck Coxson



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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.

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.



Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

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

In case of emergency, contact

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Completed forms can be returned to Sandy Haines, adminsupport@luthgoodshep.org; or mail to Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 107 S. 17th Avenue, Coatesville, PA 19320

Psalm 127:3-5

³ Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him.
⁴ Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth.
⁵ Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.
 They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents in court.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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					1 12:30pm Sr. Grp. Cards	2
3 Wood Church 9:30am Worship 11am Christian Ed Mtg. 1pm Room 11 Rental	4 12:30pm Sr. Grp. Cards 6:30pm TOPS	5 7pm Adventure Crew	6 7pm Boy Scouts	7 6:30pm Liberian Comm. Bible Share	8 12:30pm Sr. Grp. Cards	9
10 9:30am Worship 1pm Room 11 Rental	11 12:30pm Sr. Grp. Cards 6:30pm TOPS	12 7pm Adventure Crew	13 10:30am Sr. Stitches 7pm Boy Scouts	14 Flag Day  7:15 pm Property Meeting	15 12:30pm Sr. Grp. Cards	16 9am Work Day 4pm Hall Rental
17 Father's Day  9:30am Worship 1pm Room 11 Rental	18 12:30pm Sr. Grp. Cards 6pm Stephen Ministry Training 6:30pm TOPS	19 7pm Adventure Crew 7:15pm Council Mtg.	20 10:30am Sr. Stitches 7pm Boy Scouts	21 Summer Begins  6:30pm Community Liberian Bible Share 7pm Stephen Ministry Mtg.	22 12pm Sr. Grp. Cards 5pm Hall Rental	23 4pm Liberian Gathering 5pm Hall Rental
24 9:30am Worship 1pm Room 11 Rental	25 12:30pm Sr. Grp. Cards 6:30pm TOPS	26 7pm Venture Crew	27 9:30am Sr. Bingo 10:30am Sr. Stitches 7pm Boy Scouts	28 6:00 Stephen Ministry Training 5pm Hall Rental	29 12pm Sr. Grp. Cards 4pm Hall Rental	30