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*March 2019*

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

## *The Shepherd's Voice*

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3/1 Deb Cortese  
 3/2 Natalie Florschutz  
 Nicholas Florschutz  
 Joseph Atkinson  
 3/3 Miatta Gonda  
 3/4 Logan Stofflet  
 J C Cooper  
 3/5 Bob Schini  
 Tony Scheivert  
 Nancy Norton  
 3/6 Phyllis Haines  
 Hannah Redmile  
 3/9 Dawn Ford  
 Joh Roth  
 Lorraine Mosteller  
 Donald Van Horn  
 Charlie Scott  
 3/10 Elinore Zaplitny  
 Julie Regenski  
 3/11 Rachel Raytik  
 Hunter Davidson  
 Karen White  
 Betty Holt



3/12 Ron Sweigart  
 3/16 Deanna Reczek  
 Carole Thomas  
 3/17 Susan Lynch  
 Angela Przychodzien  
 Emilie Eisenhower  
 Joey Bertoni  
 3/18 Lois Pry  
 3/22 Lisa Sheetz  
 3/23 Peg Renz  
 3/24 Ryan McGeehan  
 3/28 Adrienne Melendez  
 3/29 Sarah Redmile  
 3/29 Sinneh Bangura  
 3/30 Sarah Kuhn

3/3	Barb & Tim Bertoni	35 yrs.
3/9	Joe & Lynne Hamelton	45 yrs.
3/17	Mark & Erin Kauppila	15 yrs.
3/17	Mary & Ira Clavier	46 yrs.
3/14	Mike & Bev Yost	46 yrs.
3/25	Pete & Aracelis Whiteman	29 yrs.

*Happy  
Anniversary*

## *Pastor's Page*

It's a BIRD!!!

It's a PLANE!!!!

It's...

(Whoops... Wrong story! Try again...)

It's WORSHIP!!!

It's EDUCATION!!!

It's LIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER!!! (a.k.a. L.I.F.T.)

L.I.F.T. is coming to Good Shepherd, starting on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary! L.I.F.T. is a newer model in Lutheran congregations of a way to do Faith Formation/Education and Worship by combining the two. The technical term for this that Pastor type people (like myself!) have been using is EduWorship. But EduWorship may not mean much to the non-Pastor type folks, so we are going to call Good Shepherd's version of this Living in Faith Together or L.I.F.T.

Why are we trying this model? One of the things that our Christian Education and Youth Ministry Team have been aware of for quite a while is that our "traditional" model of Sunday School has not been working well for our young families. Our young families need us to try a different model of Faith Formation, AND they are also aware that there are a number of folks in our congregation, including our young family members, who are hungry for a different, more contemporary style of worship. We believe that L.I.F.T. will meet both of these needs.

L.I.F.T. will be one hour of both worship and learning for BOTH children and adults. At least 25-35 minutes of this weekly event will be interactive learning about God, Faith, and the Bible. It will also be worship. There will be scripture reading, prayers, songs, and the Sacrament of Holy Communion every week. Parents and children and other adults who wish to attend will learn and worship together.

For those of you who have not been aware of the "behind-the-scenes" activities, you need to know that this is not a "sudden" decision nor one that was made without a lot of long, hard discussions by our Christian Education and Youth Ministry teams. This has been a FOUR YEAR conversation – FOUR YEARS of recognizing a need for change, trying to tweak the "traditional" Sunday School program, and reviewing and discussing case studies of other models of faith formation. It was four years ago in 2015 that my Continuing Education focus for the year was a seminar that explored new faith formation options that other Lutheran congregations were using.

After 4 years of consideration, the Christian Education and Youth Ministry team of our congregation is COURAGEOUSLY stepping forward in faith to lead us in a new venture, one they hope will both pass the faith on to the next generation AND build the faith of adults in our community.

Why do we think this will work?

1. Research consistently shows that Faith Formation in children happens most effectively when children are learning with and from their parents. In other words, having children and parents learning side by side works.
2. Solid Faith Formation and Lifetime Worship Habits are built most effectively when children regularly witness their parents investing time in worship, prayer, and faith development. If a child sees a parent regularly reading from the Bible throughout childhood, a child is significantly more likely to read the Bible themselves, both in childhood and adulthood. If a child sees parent pray regularly or worship regularly, a child is significantly more likely to pray and worship regularly both in childhood and adulthood.
3. If a child attends worship every Sunday from Birth to at least age 10 (with a parent), that child is significantly more likely to attend worship on a weekly basis in adulthood. (Attending worship once a month or less does not form faithful practices in children that carry into adulthood.) If we want children to grow into adults who worship weekly, they need to be in worship EVERY SUNDAY starting at birth.
4. The parents of many of our children want a highly interactive and contemporary style of worship. L.I.F.T. will provide this.

What can you do to support this effort?

1. Encourage the volunteers who are making this happen!
2. Give it a try!
3. Recognize that your service may change a bit and BE OKAY with that! For example, L.I.F.T. may become the primary worship service for some families who have attended the 8 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. worship services in the past. This means that while attendance at L.I.F.T. may go up at first, attendance at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. service may drop a bit. BUT if the COMBINED attendance for 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., AND L.I.F.T. is higher – this is good for the WHOLE congregation.
4. Even if L.I.F.T is not for you, invite families with children that YOU KNOW to come and try it! This is basic evangelism, and we are ALL called to build up the Body of Christ.
5. Pray that this new ministry will be infused with the Holy Spirit and succeed.

We know that there are risks in trying something new. We may have to adjust L.I.F.T. or tweak it along the way. We may need to try something else that is completely different. But there is a huge risk also in changing nothing. We believe that we are being faithful to Christ's call by trying this.

Christ never called us to just keep doing things the same way they have always been done. The truth is that the church has had to make radical changes at many points in the 2000+ years since Christ Jesus was born. And the church will have to continue making changes in the future. But we listen. And we pray. And then we step forward in faith. Please join us!

*Pastor Susan*

## Daylight Savings Time Begins - Sunday, March 10th!

Spring Forward - Set your clocks ahead 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday night! Don't be the "one" late for church on Sunday!!!



### LCGS Mac & Cheese Cook Off! March 23rd @ 4:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

Please join us for a friendly Mac & Cheese cook off competition. We will have two age brackets: Up to and including age 16 - 17 and over.

#### The rules are simple:

Bring your own competition worthy mac & cheese

Bring a serving utensil

One entry per person

If you want to share your recipe you are encouraged to do so, but not required

There will be no panel of judges. We will vote for our favorite (please do not vote for your own) and the pot with the most votes wins.

Winners will receive a small mystery prize and an LCGS Cook Off "trophy".

Sign up in the Narthex! See Sue Durborow, Tony Scheivert or Kristen Solt with questions.



### Spoken Communion

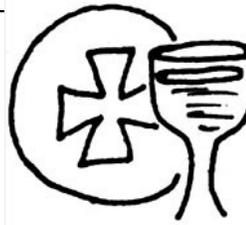
**March 26, 2019**

Do you, or someone you know, work or have difficulty getting to church on Sundays?

On the 4th Tuesday of this month at 11:00 am a worship service with communion will be held in Fellowship Hall.

Lunch and fellowship immediately following!

Join us! Bring a friend!!



### Spoken Communion

**At Freedom Village**

**March 21, 2019**

On the 3rd Thursday of this month at 2:00 pm Pastor Lynch will conduct a worship service with communion for residents of Freedom Village in the Great Room of The Gardens.

If you are a resident, or know of someone who would enjoy attending, please join us!

### Community Pancake Breakfast Saturday, March 16, 8-10am

This event is open to the public. Tell your friends and neighbors.



Join us for pancakes, french toast, bacon, sausage, eggs/omelets made to order, hash browns, dry beef gravy, baked goods, fruit, coffee, tea and juice.

### Work Day

**Saturday, March 16, 9am**

Come out and participate in the Property Committee's monthly church work day!

Have breakfast in Fellowship Hall then work it off!

Contact Dave Dean for more info!

## Lenten Soup, Sandwich and Salad Dinners.

Please join us Wednesday evenings (beginning **March 13, 2019**) during Lent for a dinner of soup, sandwich and salad. Dinner will be served from **5:30PM to 6:00PM** – Vespers will follow the dinner.

If you are able to prepare and donate soup, salad, sandwiches and/or cookies for the dinners, please sign up in the narthex.

## READERS NEEDED for Lenten Mid-Week Worship

Pastor Lynch is looking for volunteers to read monologues based on Biblical Characters for the Lenten Mid-Week worship services.

Both men and women are needed.

If you would like more information about participating, please contact Pastor Lynch.

## Social Ministry Meal Match - To date we've received \$278!!!

The Social Ministry Committee tries hard to provide for members in need and providing much needed meals especially around Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas, as well as other times throughout the year. A member of our congregation is offering a dollar for dollar match up to \$500 to raise reserve meal funds for Social Ministry to supply these meals when needed. Just \$3 turns into \$6 which could buy a chicken for a small family. \$7.00 turns into \$14.00 which could buy a medium size turkey or ham for a larger family. Use a pew envelope and mark it "Meal Match." **Thank you!!**

*Luke 3:11: <sup>11</sup>In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise."*

## Needed: Digital Photos of Recent Church Events!

We are establishing a "photo repository" to collect pictures of our church activities within the last year or so. These photos may be used for the church Facebook page, to update our church website's pictures, and for newspaper articles. Please email any digital photos taken at recent church events to the church office: [adminsupport@luthgoodshep.org](mailto:adminsupport@luthgoodshep.org).

## Canned Meats, Cereals, Peanut Butter, Pasta, Sauces Needed for the Good Shepherd Food Table!

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. We are now in need of the following food items: canned meat (tuna, chicken), peanut butter, cereals, pasta & sauce.

Canned vegetables are not needed at this time!  
Thank you for your continuing support! And... Please use the Food Table! It is here for you!

## Prayer Chain

We now have a Prayer Chain! Thank you to all who have volunteered to be part of the Chain. Muriel Rose has volunteered to be the main contact person for the Chain. If you would like the Prayer Chain to pray for your need all you need to do is tell Muriel about your need and she will let the members know that they need to pray for you. All prayer requests will be kept completely confidential unless you tell Muriel otherwise. Please also consider joining the Prayer Chain. Thank you to all who were willing to be part of this ministry.



## Boy Scout Troop 117 Buy a Board Campaign

Troop 117 will be going to Camp Horseshoe the week of July 14-21, 2019. 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, roofing material and Smartside panels. 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, 2019.

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

Yours in Scouting, Chuck Coxson  
Buy-a-Board Chairman Troop 117

Spring flowers will be used to adorn the altar on Easter. The deadline to order is ***SUNDAY, April 7, 2019*** The cost is \$12 per plant. Flowers may be taken home after the 10:30 service.



### *EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM*

(Please print)

**DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, April 7th, 2019**

**Given by:**

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In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please enclose \$12 for each plant.**

**Forms & money are to be placed in the designated box located in the narthex, or mail to the church office. Thank you!**



**Joel 2:12-14**

Yet even now, says the Lord, Return to me with all your heart,  
With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
Rend your hearts and not your clothing.

# March 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>3 Wood Church</b> 8am Worship 9:15 am KLS Sunday School 10:30am Worship/1 <sup>st</sup> Communion 1pm Room 11 Rental	<b>4</b> 6:30pm TOPS 7:30pm Handbell	<b>5</b> 1pm Prayer Shawl 7pm Venture Crew	<b>6 Ash Wednesday</b> 10:30am Bible Study Noon – Distribution of Ashes 6pm Adult Choir 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm – Distribution of Ashes	<b>7</b> 7pm Stephen Ministry 7pm Girl Troop Scouts	<b>1</b> 12pm Sr. Grp. Cards  <b>8</b> 12pm Sr. Grp. Cards	<b>2</b> 6:30 Movie Night  <b>9</b> 4pm Hall Rental <b>Set your clocks ahead one hour tonight!!</b>
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