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

The Shepherd's Voice

June 2019





6/1 Al Storrs
Jonathan Cowan
6/3 Kirsten Smith
Mary Clavier
6/6 Jeffrey Kauppila
6/7 Bill Griffith
Sean Milligan
Elin Regenski
6/8 Aria Castro
6/11 Trokon Hufnagel
6/12 Rick Ritter
Sharon Davis
6/13 Lynn Hornberger
6/14 Kevin Genaro
6/15 Jim Norton
Philip Bangura
6/16 Matt Murray
Taylor Gasbarro
6/17 Emma Scheivert
Carole Alderman
6/18 Kevin McMenamain
Donald Wirth

6/18 Dave Dean
Darlene Ford
6/19 Jared Urban
Lisa White
6/20 Nnenna Cooper
6/21 Randy Davidson
6/22 Lorna Blount
Debbie Sweigart
6/25 Jayden Habecker
Emery Neff
Bev Yost
6/26 Terry Kehm
6/27 Satta Dorley
Kieran Barnes
6/28 Anna Marie Alderman
6/29 Barbara Brown
Conor Murray
6/30 George Pavelik

Happy Anniversary

6/3 Hazel & Martin Flynn	69 yrs.	6/21 Vicki & Robert Rubincam	39 yrs.
6/5 Julie & Joseph Regenski	15 yrs.	6/21 Ron & Kim Przychodzien	25 yrs.
6/7 Jim & Nancy Norton	50 yrs.	6/21 Jennifer & Craig Florschutz	22 yrs.
6/8 Matt & Laura Mentzer	6 yrs.	6/23 Sandy & Donald Wirth	46 yrs.
6/10 Tim & Lory Urban	30 yrs.	6/23 Kim & Doug Tapscott	40 yrs.
6/12 Dave & Pam Dean	20 yrs.	6/25 Dave & Shirley Blount	43 yrs.
6/12 JoAnn & John DiOttavio	37 yrs.	6/26 Peter & Karen White	43 yrs.
6/18 Jim & Gail Monteith	31 yrs.	6/27 Kelly & Steven Emig	27 yrs.
6/19 Dennis & Kay Rineer	37 yrs.		

Pastor's Page

There is an evening ritual that I go through each night with Cat #3 at the parsonage. Each night, I must spend some time in the recliner so that she can curl up on my lap and snooze a bit. The routine is necessary because, due to an uncertain and stressful pre-adoption kitten-hood, Cat #3 came to me with some already built-in anxiety.

Although her life has been stable since I adopted her almost 6 years ago, her anxiety still flairs on a regular basis. Part of keeping her fears at bay is a predictable daily routine, and our shared time on the recliner is part of that routine. If I delay sitting down too long, her stress level starts to rise. If she misses out on her evening snuggle and snooze time in the chair completely, I will see her become more and more anxious over the following 24 hours, regardless of how predictable any other part of the day may have been. And for #3, anxious time is vocal, loud, and very "in your face," so maintaining the routine has value for me too! But that together time in the recliner brings her peace. It's where she feels safe and secure.

The truth is that we humans also have a need for that sensation of peace. Our lives are far from predictable. The stresses and worries of daily life are hard to shake off. As summer approaches, many have plans for vacations. Some hope that a vacation will be the answer and that it will provide much needed rest and relief from all that makes us anxious. Sometimes a vacation will do that. But vacations are temporary. Vacations cannot address all of our struggles on a regular basis throughout a year. And all too often we try too hard to make the vacation "GREAT," and in doing so, end up making it just as stressful as daily life.

Where then are we to find peace?

Christ said to the disciples, "My peace I give to you." Christ wants to surround us with his peace every day and to be that place of respite for us. Christ wants us to be so enveloped in his embrace that we cannot feel alone or doubt that we are loved.

What ritual do you engage in on a daily basis that is devoted to spending time in Christ's presence and peace? What time do you set aside, not just for prayer and study, but to simply sit with Jesus? For many Christians it helps to have a specific time each day that is set aside just for this purpose. For some, it is helpful to have a special place for this encounter with God, even if it is just one special chair in your home that is used just for this one special thing each and every day. But the most important thing is to take time, every day, to be present with Christ. It must be part of your daily routine.

Sitting in the presence of Christ each day will not eliminate all of the things in your life that bring you stress and anxiety. But it can change how you relate to those stressors, and how your mind and body react to them. If we take time to sit with and focus on the peace of Christ every day, we will gradually become more conscious of the peace of Christ surrounding us throughout the rest of the day.

Taking time to include time focused on peace each day is important for all of us. Cat #3 is not wrong about that! If you don't have a focused "Peace Time" in your daily routine, I encourage you to start trying to build that into your life now. It is never too late.

May the peace of Christ be with you always!

Pastor Susan



Summer Schedule begins June 16, 2019 - one service at 9:30 am!

Financial Update

March: **Income:** \$34374.32 Receipts lower during the first quarter this year than in prior three years. All receipts were approximately 23% lower than last year at the same time. Sundays attendance also averaged lower during March this year at 117, where last year's was 131 each Sunday.

Expenses: \$32546.86 Expenses were significantly lower than in the prior three years.

April: **Income:** \$29819.06 Income was down from last month even with Easter giving during this period. However, it was higher than the last three years for April.

Expenses: \$32023.47 Expenses remain steady for the month.

Women's Night Out - Bunco & Refreshments Sunday, June 2

Come join us for an evening of socializing with loads of fun and laughter while we play an easy to learn, fast moving dice game (literally, you'll have it down in 2 minutes!). Invite your friends. The more the merrier! 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Good Shepherd Cafe \$5 per player (used for snacks and small prizes awarded)

Contact Jennifer Wayne (610) 213-0664
wonderwomanwayne@msn.com with any questions - or just show up and let the good times roll!!!!



Summer Special Music 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



SAVE THE DATE!

Vacation Bible School 2019

Mark your calendars!

Sunday, July 14 - Thursday, July 18

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Complimentary dinner beginning at 5:30 pm

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 contact person for the Chain.

If you would like the Prayer Chain to pray for your need all you have to do is tell Muriel and she will let the members know and they will 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 are willing to be part of this ministry. Muriel can be reached at 484-784-5418 .



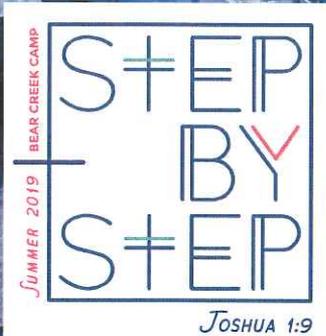
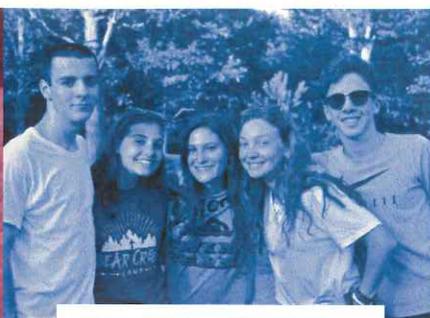
*The righteous man walks in his integrity;
His children are blessed after him.
Proverbs 20:7*



June 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 Wood Church 8am Worship 9:15am L.I.F.T. 10:30am Worship 1pm Room 11 Rental 6:30pm Bunco	3 6:30pm TOPS 7pm Confirmation	4 1pm Prayer Shawl 7pm Adventure Crew	5 7pm Troop 117 Boys	6 7pm Troop 117 Girls 7pm Stephen Ministry Training	7 11am Jean Funk Memorial Service 12pm Sr. Grp. Cards	1 8 6pm Hall Rental
9 8am Worship 9:15 am L.I.F.T. 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Church Picnic 1pm Room 11 Rental	10 6:30pm TOPS	11 7pm Venture Crew	12 10:30am Sr. Stitchers 7pm Troop 117 Boys	13 1pm Mission Quilting 7pm Troop 117 Girls 7:15pm Property Comm.	14 Flag Day 12pm Sr. Gr. Cards 	15 9am Work Day
16 Father's Day 9:30am Worship 1pm Room 11 Rental 1pm Hall Rental Summer Worship Schedule Begins!!	17 6:30pm TOPS	18 1pm Prayer Shawl 7pm Venture Crew 7:15pm Council Mtg.	19 9:30am Sr. Group Bingo 10:30am Sr. Stitchers 7pm Troop 117 Boys	20 7pm Troop 117 Girls 7pm Stephen Ministry Mtg	21 First Day of Summer 12pm Sr. Gr. Cards 	22
23 9:30 am Worship 1pm Room 11 Rental	24 6:30pm TOPS	25 7pm Venture Crew	26 7pm Troop 117 Boys	27 1pm Mission Quilting 7pm Troop 117 Girls	28 12pm Sr. Gr. Cards	29 12:00pm Hall Rental
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REGISTER ONLINE AT: bearcreekcamp.org



SUMMER 2019

- SESSION 1: June 16-22*
- SESSION 2: June 23-29*
- SESSION 3: June 30 - July 5
Family Camp & Artists' Retreat
- SESSION 4: July 7-13
- SESSION 5: July 14-20
- SESSION 6: July 21-27
- SESSION 7: July 28 - August 3
- SESSION 8: August 4-10

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Bear Creek Camp's residential program, for children who have completed grades 1-12, is a traditional camp program centered on spiritual growth, outdoor living and small group development. Each age group experiences a mix of small-group and all-camp activities throughout the week to meet their group's spiritual, social and developmental needs.



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