

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
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November 2019

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

The Shepherd's Voice

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11/1	Mark Zaplitny	11/13	Gail Ekstrand
11/2	Michael Emig		Ava Wilgis
	Jeffrey Hayes	11/14	Eden Mentzer
	Katie Scheivert		Dylan Florschutz
11/3	John Mitchell		Phil Hetzel
	Lillian Smith	11/15	Michael Bertoni
11/4	Joan Merkle		Nancy Hanna
11/6	Rylie Donahue		Sterling Zaplitny
	Alison Scheivert		Ryan Regenski
	Cindy Ritter	11/16	Arthur Deck
11/7	John Anderson, Jr.	11/17	Barbara Barr-Weiss
	Erin Kauppila	11/18	Diane Burford
	Jack Murray		Dawn Rubincam
	Kim Tapscott	11/19	Sandy Weagley
11/8	Laura Ross	11/21	Emma Redmile
	Victoria Tarley	11/23	Joe Cortese
	Bob Bisignano Jr.	11/24	Tom Johnson
	Laraine Popplewell	11/25	Hunter Gauer
11/9	Hernon Castro	11/26	Hannah Barr-Weiss
11/10	Kristen Solt	11/27	Tamara Taylor
11/12	Tim Urban	11/28	Patricia Sabo
	Diana Lewis		Sara George
		11/29	Mason Diehl-O'Hara



11/2	Carmen & James Brown	10 yrs.
11/5	Lindsay & Joshua Bowman	3 yrs.
11/11	Robert & Diane Burford	41 yrs.
11/11	Charlotte Townsend & John Hanaway	8 yrs.
11/12	Peggy & John Togh	40 yrs.
11/13	Bernie & Cyndy Beegle	10 yrs.
11/16	Wayne & Linda Croshaw	51 yrs.
11/17	Tony & Erin Scheivert	18 yrs.
11/23	Charlie & Jill Scott	17 yrs.
11/23	David & Barbara Althouse	51 yrs.
11/25	Tony & Betty Lee Genaro	58 yrs.
11/30	Phyllis & Barry Haines	45 yrs.

Pastor's Page

It may only be November, but I am formally asking every member to start thinking about JANUARY! Oh, not about the cold and possible snow storms! Instead I am asking you to consider a few questions about how you grow your faith each day through study and prayer, and to consider how you will do this in 2020. My challenge to the people of Good Shepherd is that we ALL commit to engaging in a Daily Devotional and Prayer Practice in the coming year!

Okay, so maybe you are already doing this. Great! But please keep reading anyway! Or maybe this is one faith practice you are not doing these days. That's okay, but I hope you will consider starting in 2020. For everyone, please take a few moments to reflect on the following questions:

Are you currently engaged in a daily devotional and prayer practice? If so, how is that going for you? Is it time to refresh your process? If not, think about why you haven't been doing this. There may be many reasons or none. Maybe you just never started. Maybe your days are so busy you feel overwhelmed. Or maybe you simply forget and need a daily reminder. Think through your reasons, and identify what issues you face in this challenge.

Consider the TIME for this practice: A) what time of day you might want to choose; and B) how much time you might be able to give to this practice each day. These are really important questions. For myself, I have learned two things about time of day. The first is that I will be drastically more consistent in building something into my day if I do it at the same time of day – EVERY. SINGLE. DAY.

Second, I have learned that if I don't do this in the morning, I just won't do it. I've tried evenings, but sometimes I am so tired I just fall asleep in the middle. So mornings it is. As for how much time to put it to it, I had to decide whether I was trying to REALLY learn and study deep things, or if I wanted to simply take time to intentionally set my mind and intention for the day towards God. These are two vastly different purposes, and require vastly different amounts of time. (So another question is: What are you hoping to get out of this practice?) Initially, I wanted to read the deep stuff, but found that my mind simply could not absorb it first thing in the morning, and that it took more time than I could give in the morning. Since I wasn't willing to get out of bed an hour earlier, and can't do deep thinking before (or even right after) breakfast, I decided that I would set aside 5-10 minutes each morning to set my mind on God for the Day.

What materials might you use in 2020? There are literally SOOOO MANY OPTIONS! So it is worth it to take some time (like the next 2 months) to explore a few and see what works for you. You can go with a "print" option like a devotional book, or a digital option like a daily email subscription or an app. Depending on your answer to question #2, you may want something long or something really short.

For 2019, I went with a book (yes, an actual book, that sits on my table) titled "365 Devotions to Love God and Love Others Well." I really liked the title. I also really liked the fact that the devotion for each day was just ONE PAGE! Simple, short, to the point, and all focused on one thing for a year. I don't always agree with the theology of the authors (it's published by a different denomination – theology is something you may want to think about too!), but it has given me *plenty* to think about over the last 10 months.

One of my good friends has a daily email subscription from Moravian.org/daily_Texts/. These devotions are published by the Moravian Church (which is in Full Communion with the ELCA), and include short Bible readings, a brief devotional, and a daily prayer. The prayers are rich and beautiful.

Many of our members use the "Christ in our Homes" devotional booklets. Good Shepherd purchases a number of these and we leave them in the Narthex, outside the office door, for people to take home. These provide three months of short daily devotions with Bible verses and prayers in each booklet.

If you have been using the same materials for years, perhaps it is time for something new. Go to a bookstore, check out Google Apps, ask others what they use, or explore all three of these options. There are materials for men, women, or youth. There are publications from a variety of denominations, including Lutheran. And of course, there is always just reading a portion of the Bible each day.

As 2020 approaches, it is my hope that each of us will take time to plan for this important faith practice. My challenge to Good Shepherd is that in 2020, ALL of us will commit to taking time each day for devotional time, and that every committee, group, or choir that meets will do the same.

Please consider taking on this challenge!

In Christ,

Pastor Susan Lynch

NEW MEMBER CLASS: Pastor Lynch will be hosting a New Member Class Series on the Sundays of November 24, 2019 and December 1, 2019 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. If you have been worshipping with Good Shepherd, and are interested in learning more about our congregation and becoming a member, please plan to attend these classes. You may RSVP to Pastor Lynch by calling the church office (610-384-2035) or emailing Pastor Lynch (slynch@luthgoodshep.org).

2021 ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: The next ELCA National Youth Gathering will be held June 29 – July 3, 2021, in Minneapolis, MN. The theme will be "Boundless: God Beyond Measure." Youth who will be in 8th-12th grade in the fall of 2020 are eligible to attend. An organizational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 8, 2019, at 12:00 p.m. for youth of Good Shepherd who are interested in attending, and their parents. For more information, please see Pastor Lynch.

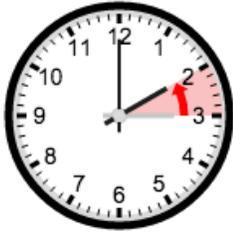
Congregational Meeting

There is a Congregational Meeting scheduled for **Sunday, November 24, 2019** following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The meeting will begin at approximately 11:45 a.m. The primary purpose of the meeting is to consider and approve the 2020 Proposed Budget. All voting members (A voting member is a member who is Confirmed, Contributing, and Communing) should plan to attend.

Notes to the congregation:

Peter and I would like to thank each and everyone of you who sent cards, flowers and prayers over the last few months. We greatly appreciate you!! *Karen & Peter White*

I'd like to thank all of the members of LCGS who supported me by making a donation, prayer and/or kind words. It was an incredible journey. I was able to make a donation of \$3,229.20 which will go toward treatment and research to end breast cancer. I feel fortunate to have participated in this event, it's such an important cause. *Thank you again, Cindy (Beegle)*



Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 3rd
Set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on
Saturday night!
Enjoy an extra hour of sleep!

Financial Update – September

Receipts: Total receipts for January - September 2019 were slightly higher (+0.7%) compared to last year. Adult Receipts (pledged giving) and Other Adult Receipts were up, but essentially offset by reduced Mortgage receipts and Hall/Rental Fees. Average weekly attendance during September 2019 was 115 (five Sundays) vs September 2018 average weekly attendance of 104 (five Sundays).

Expenses: Expenses through the end of September of this year are somewhat higher (+5.3%) compared to this same period last year.



Funeral Luncheon Volunteer Group Helpers are needed!

For funeral luncheons, we provide side dishes, such as salads and deviled eggs. Desserts and beverages are also provided. We need people in the kitchen the day of the luncheon. Please consider volunteering to provide food on an occasional basis or time and help in the kitchen. If you would like more information or join the group, please contact Jo McAdoo at 610.942.0153 or mjomcadoo@gmail.com Thank you.

Prayer Chain

If you would like the Prayer Chain to pray for your need, contact Muriel @ 484-784-5418. She will let the members know and they will pray for you. All prayer requests will be kept completely confidential unless you specify otherwise. Please also consider joining the Prayer Chain.



Thank you to all who are willing to be part of this ministry.

Sharing Bread, Giving Thanks

On Sunday November 24, we will give thanks for all God has given us by sharing our bounty with others who are less fortunate. Bring your nonperishable food items in by Nov. 24, and it will be donated to the Chester County Food Bank.

Most needed items are:

- pasta and rice
- canned fruit and vegetables
- canned tuna and chicken
- peanut butter
- healthy cereal and oatmeal

You can also donate money, which will be given to the Food Bank to purchase items for their food cupboards.

Any questions - see Pastor Lynch or Sally Williams-Sammond.

Thank you for your generosity!

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!

Women's Night Out - Bunco & Refreshments - Sunday, November 3rd

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 or

wonderwomanwayne@msn.com with any questions - or just show up and let the good times roll!!!!



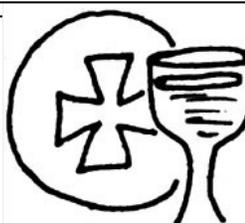
Spoken Communion November 19, 2019

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

On the 3rd 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 November 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, November 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, November 16th @ 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!

Wednesday Morning Bible Study Wednesdays at 10:30am

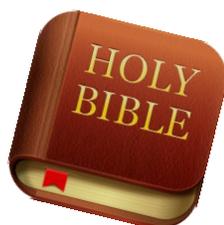
10:30 am—11:30 am

Fellowship begins

at 10:00

Lead by Hanny White

Everyone welcome!



Adult Choir and Handbell Choir

Adult Choir is meeting on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30. VOICES NEEDED!

Handbell Choir meets on Mondays from 7:15-8:15. RINGERS NEEDED!

Please see Martha for more information.



Youth Christmas Pageant December 22, 2019

The youth of LCGS are proud to present *Crazy, Busy, Peaceful, Holy Night* on Sunday, December 22nd during the 10:30 service in Fellowship Hall. These days, Christmastime is often extremely crazy and busy with so many things to do. From parties to shopping, from recitals to exams—it is easy to lose focus on the Prince of Peace that was born in Bethlehem that holy night. Today, our Christmas is not usually quiet, calm or silent. As we read how the story unfolded, we can see that first Christmas was crazy and busy too! Thankfully, Jesus came to bring peace and hope to the chaos in our world. This pageant focuses on a family running in every direction and potentially missing the peace of Christ in the midst of Christmas craziness.

Hope to see you all there and please invite your family and friends!



CONNECT is a fun-filled weekend at Bear Creek Camp during the winter! It's a time to CONNECT with God and to CONNECT with your friends. We have a blast doing all of the fun activities that Bear Creek Camp has to offer during the winter, plus all the other great activities you've come to expect! The weekends kicks off on Friday night and runs until Sunday after lunch.

Save the Date! Saturday, December 21, 2019

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!

Children and their families are invited to see Santa and enjoy breakfast, activities, and more!

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM.



Poinsettias will be used to adorn the altar on Christmas Eve. The deadline to order is **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019**. The cost is \$8.00 per plant. Flowers may be taken home after the last service on Christmas Eve.



POINSETTIA ORDER FORM (Please print) DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019

Given by _____

In memory of:

In honor of:

Please enclose \$8 for each plant and bring your form and money and put in the designated box in the narthex, or mail to the church office.



1 Chronicles 29:13

"And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name."

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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 am-1:00 pm					1 12pm Rm 7 Reserved 12:30pm Sr. Gr. Cards	2 11 am – Boy Scout Bingo <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends – turn your clocks BACK one hour before going to bed!!</i>
3 All Saint's Wood Church 8:00am Worship 9:20am LIFT 10:30am Worship 1pm Room 11 Rental 7pm BUNCO	4 12pm Rm 7 Reserved 6:30pm TOPS 7:15pm Handbell Rehearsal	5 Election Day 1pm Prayer Shawl 7pm Venture Crew 	6 10:30am Bible Study 11:30am Sr. Grp Thanksgiving 6pm Adult Choir 7pm Troop 117 Boys	7 7pm Stephen Ministry 7pm Troop 111 Girls	8 12pm Rm 7 Reserved 12:30pm Sr. Gr. Cards	9
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