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October 2020

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

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## *The Shepherd's Voice*

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10/1	Michael Kauppila Betty Skerchock Declan Brady Glenn Ford	10/16	Gail Monteith
10/4	Ethan Rubincam Jim Durborow	10/17	Judy Osborne Betty Lee Genaro Ariana March
10/5	Hudson Durborow	10/19	Samantha Wayne
10/6	Julian Crouthamel	10/22	Jim Sacco Lindsay Bowman
10/7	Carlos Melendez Hazel Flynn	10/23	Cheri McMenamin
10/9	Ginny Lozinski	10/24	Emilia Castro
10/10	Steven Brown Kevin Stofflet Jim Monteith Lori Urban	10/25	Keslie Castro Carmen Brown Shannon Martz
10/11	Porter Stofflet Heather Clark	10/26	David Althouse
10/13	Muriel Rose Deborah Panning	10/27	Nicholos Aviles-Barajas Carol Slody
10/15	Daniel Gballah Ethel Zevtchin	10/29	David Blount Bob Broderick
		10/30	Sharon Tandarich Rose Reid



10/1	Steve & Barb Brown	43 yrs.
10/2	Judy & Bill Osborne	16 yrs.
10/7	Craig & Jennifer Miller	20 yrs.
10/10	Amy & Eric Gauer	5 yrs.
10/11	Brent & Beth Douty	34 yrs.
10/11	Coleen & Greg Gill	18 yrs.
10/11	Dave & Megan Murray	17 yrs.
10/13	Nancy & Raymond Ritchie	30 yrs.
10/14	Susan & Max Barajas	31 yrs.
10/14	Robert & Gisela Bisignaro, Sr.	59 yrs.
10/14	Barry & Linda Kimes	59 yrs.
10/17	Ronald & Holly Charest	22 yrs.
10/19	Noelle & Michael Raytik	36 yrs.
10/20	Bob & Bobbi Schini	53 yrs.
10/22	Carolos & Adrienne Melendez	9 yrs.
10/31	Ted & Anna Marie Alderman	62 yrs.



***We mourn the death of:***

Ruth Snell - September 16, 2020

Different. That's a word I have been contemplating lately. So much is different than it was this time last year. We have all experienced many changes in the last six months, some easier to adjust to than others.

We have learned new technologies, new computer programs and apps. We have found new ways to gather and celebrate for family events, whether via a "drive by" party or an online zoom fest. We come together for worship in a different format.

School has changed drastically for teachers, students, and parents. Some for some kids the changes are working, and for others the changes are exceedingly stressful and difficult to cope with at best. Teachers are just trying to do the best they can in a new reality for which they were never fully trained. Parents, too, are striving to cope with jobs and trying to guide their children through new pathways.

The same is true for Pastors and members of Congregation Councils. It's all different, and we are all trying to make the best decisions we can. We do so knowing that not everyone will agree, and knowing that even when we try to factor in all the best information available, nothing we can do in this moment will take us back to the way we lived just one year ago. "Back to Normal" sounds so far off, and we wonder if it is even possible in the future. At a recent online meeting for SEPA Synod pastors, hosted by our Bishop, it was clear that this is true for all of our congregations, councils, and pastors. We are all dealing with the "different" in our midst, and it is wearing.

In addition to all of this (as though ALL of THIS were not enough), we happen to be in a political election season that is contentious at best. Friends and family members who hold differing perspectives on what is best for our country are finding it difficult to have peaceful conversations about their perspectives and why each one holds the perspective they have. Our separation due to Coronavirus precautions has already strained our relationships, so these conversations may become even more difficult.

How are we, as the Body of Christ, called to live into these challenging times? Where (and how) do we find peace and renewal in the midst of this? There are two faith concepts I will lift up here.

Sabbath. Yes, Sabbath. The idea of Sabbath is often misunderstood. Yes, it is about time for worship on Sunday. Yes, it is one of the "Laws" from the Old Testament.

But most of what is written about it is about stopping for an entire 24 hours for the purpose of rest and renewal. It is about discovering or rediscovering those things we can never do when we are running that can actually bring us some peace.

Maybe it's a day when you do nothing. No plans, no activities, just sit and relax. Maybe it's a day when you sit in your garden and finally read that book on your shelf. Maybe it's a day when you go to a park and just stroll, listening to the birds. Maybe it's time spent playing a board game with your family. Maybe it's that day when you finally get enough sleep.

Sabbath is meant to be a gift. Yes, you have to plan ahead in order to stop everything else for a full 24 hours. But do it. This is God's gift to you.

1 Corinthians 13. Read this. The WHOLE chapter. Then strive to live it. Try to enact it in every conversation you have. Consider this snippet: "Love is patient. Love is kind. Love is not jealous or boastful. Love does not insist on its own way."

We are all living a bit stressed by the "different". But would our words and actions change if we REALLY took this to heart? Would our work, school, family environments shift? Would church and worship shift? Would our public interactions in the grocery store and with other drivers on the highway alter? Would our political conversations be calmer if we loved one another enough to speak kindly and respectfully to one another and to just listen (honestly listen) to one another's perspective.

Strive to love others as Christ loved: with patience, with kindness, working together rather than in opposition.

These are just a couple of ideas that have surfaced as I have been contemplating all that has changed in our lives and our world in the last year. Ultimately, we are called to put our faith in the living Lord. No matter what may challenge us, God is still present and God still loves us unconditionally. God will never abandon us. Keep the faith.

## **In Person Worship Service**

We are pleased to welcome everyone back to in person worship services on Sunday's at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall. We will continue to provide a Live Stream worship service online at 10:30 a.m., please note you may only participate in the Live Stream service from the comfort of your own home. Due to social distancing requirements and capacity restrictions, there will be limited seating for the 9 a.m. "In Person" worship service. We will strive to make adjustments as we are able in the weeks to come. Please note there is a **requirement that all persons over the age of 3 years will be required to wear a mask that covers both the mouth and the nose. The mask must remain in place during the entire worship service, until they exit the building.** If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact the church office.

### **PRIOR TO OPENING**

Fellowship Hall will be disinfected and A/C ionization system installed and turned on.

Chairs will be set up 6' apart and 6' between rows with a center aisle.

Water fountains will be turned off. **Bring your own water.**

Hand sanitizing stations will be set up at various locations.

### **PRIOR TO THE WORSHIP SERVICE**

Access Fellowship Hall will be allowed ONLY via the ramp doors. If you require access via the elevator, call the office the week before the service for instructions. No other access will be available.

Worshippers will ONLY be allowed access to the Fellowship Hall, not other areas of the building.

**Arrive at least 10 minutes before the start of the service. Please enter at least 6 feet away from others entering the building.**

A table will be set up for every attendee to be checked in so we will have attendance records if needed for follow-up.

***No one will be admitted without wearing a mask that covers both the nose and mouth, except children under the age of three years.*** Children over age three (3) will be required to wear a mask.

Children must stay with parents at all times.

Please find a seat while maintaining safe distancing. Families may move chairs to sit together within a row.

Please minimize use of bathrooms. If used, wipe faucets, door handles and any other areas touched with the wipes and dispose of wipe in trash can outside the bathroom door when leaving

### **DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE**

Attendees must continue to wear masks.

There will be no singing or speaking in unison.

Communion will be included on the first Sunday of each month. **Attendees wishing to take communion must bring their own bread, and wine/grape juice.** At communion, you will be requested to hold your bread and wine/grape juice up in your hand for the consecration. After consecration, it may be taken with the wine or grape juice, or water if needed to swallow,.

Announcements – The pastor will be notified and furnished with the request the day before the service. If you need something included in the announcements, please notify Sandy Haines ([adminsupport@luthgoodshep.org](mailto:adminsupport@luthgoodshep.org)) no later than 10 a.m. on the Thursday prior to the service.

### **DISMISSAL & EXIT**

After the dismissal, the last row exit, leading the congregational departure, with each row to follow thereafter through the Fellowship Hall Ramp Doors. Please maintain at least six feet of distance between your family and other exiting families.

There will be no congregation or socializing inside Fellowship Hall.

**A collection basket will be available at the exit for your generous donations.**

## Financial update - August 2020

**Receipts:** Total Current Receipts through August 2020 were down by (-1.0%) compared to the same period in 2019. Adult Receipts (pledged giving) was down (-1.9%), with Other Adult Receipts down (-40.2%). Offsetting these, Hall Donations/Rental Fees were up (+5.8%), while Mortgage Receipts were up significantly (+48.6%). These data do not include the PPP Loan (\$37,072), which is a non-budgeted item.

**Expenses:** Current Expenses YTD 2020 decreased by (-10.8%) compared to the same period in 2019. The largest single category exhibiting reduced spending this year is Property, down by (-24.7%).

## L.I.F.T. (Living and Learning in Faith Together)

The LIFT team will continue to offer an online LIFT service biweekly this Fall. The service is pre-recorded and posted to youtube so that you can tune at your leisure. During our LIFT services, we learn the stories of the Bible and connect those stories to our lives. These sessions are interactive and include activities to help draw conclusions about what these stories mean for us. If you are interested in being a part of our LIFT services, please email Erin Kauppila at [LIFT@luthgoodshep.org](mailto:LIFT@luthgoodshep.org) for more information.

## Save the Date! Lift Movie Night: **ONWARD**

The LIFT team is excited to invite you to a physically distanced, drive-in MOVIE NIGHT at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. More information will be available closer to the event, but be sure to **SAVE THE DATE!** Plan to join us for a viewing of "Onward." We will provide more information about the event in the weeks prior. Date: Saturday, October 10th Time: 7:00 pm Where: LCGS Back Parking Lot

## 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.

**Anytime you are in the church building, we ask that you please wear a mask at all times!**



**Thank you!**

## Needed: A Good Shepherd Communicator!

The Outreach Committee (Evangelism & Social Ministry) 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 or be informed of newsworthy items at Good Shepherd, obtain details from committees, etc., and notify information outlets in a timely manner. Examples include: Pancake breakfasts, Quilting & Knitting groups, Holiday/Special church services, etc. Help us spread the word to our community about activities and events at Good Shepherd! Please contact Fran Ciccione or Pam Dean if interested.

## Lectors and Computer/Camera Set up

If you are interested in serving as a Lector at either the Facebook Live Service, or the in person service, please contact Sandy in the church office.

We are also looking for people who would be willing to be trained to set up the laptop and camera for the Facebook worship services. Thank you!

610 384-2035, ext. 201

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## COVID-19 Testing Site

COVID-19 Testing Site - Good Shepherd is a COVID testing site through the Chester County Health Department. Testing times will be Thursdays from 10am – 3pm in the upper lot only! This is a free testing site with no doctor recommendation required. If you feel you need to be tested due to not feeling well, travel, work, etc., you are eligible. If your insurance does not cover the test, there will be no charge. This is a drive thru testing site, walk ups are discouraged. You do not need an appointment, but they are recommended. Please see the Chester County Health Department's website at <https://www.chesco.org/4460/Coronavirus-COVID-19-Testing-Information>, or call 610-344-6225. Please be sure to let your friends and family know about this service.



## ***Blessings Food Box now available for use!***

Grateful thanks to Good Shepherd member and Eagle Scout candidate Michael Popplewell, Boy Scout Troop 51, for the beautifully constructed Blessings Food Box located in our entry driveway! The box is being stocked with non-perishable, weather-tolerant food items & personal care items. Church and community members are now welcome to access the box to take items they need, or donate extra items for others. Thank you Michael for this important and timely gift to Good Shepherd's food ministries!



## **Food Ministry**

**Do you need food, or help purchasing food?** Good Shepherd has our food table and a supply of frozen meats (chicken and beef), as well as gift cards available to anyone who needs it. If your family needs food, please call Karen White at 610-662-4010. If you get Karen's voice mail LEAVE A MESSAGE with your name and phone number. You can make arrangements for you to meet her at church to get what you need. If you have food that you want to donate to our food table, please call Karen about that too so you can also meet at church. *Thank you all, Karen, Heather, Roberta, Betsy, Pam*

**Our Food Table:** Social Ministry has identified the items that we need for the families we provide food for. They are: peanut butter, jelly, pasta, spaghetti sauce, beans, rice, canned tuna and chicken, cereal and canned vegetables. These items can be used on an emergency need basis and to supplement the Giant gift cards we can share. We have a large blue tub under the portico for donations. Thank you for anything you can provide. One more idea... if you find a bogo on chickens or other meats please consider donating the free one.



Feeding the Community

***The blue tub also has emergency food items that can be picked up. The tub is located at the main entrance of the church. If you need more than just a day or 2 of food please call Karen White at 610-662-4010 to make arrangements to meet her at church. Thank You!***

***Due to the COVID Testing on Thursdays 10am-3pm, we would ask you not pick up or drop off food donations during those times.***

## **Social Ministry Holiday Meal/Angel Tree**

Good Shepherd is again offering complete Thanksgiving and Christmas meals as well as Angel Tree gifts to members and friends of Good Shepherd. Anyone is entitled to receive these gifts but there is a deadline to make your request. The form needed to request these is on the following page. Please complete the form carefully and return it to church no later than October 11th. Extra time has been allowed for all we must accomplish before each holiday given the current circumstances in our world.

**Donations needed:** To limit the handling of food items during these times, we will be collecting monetary donations to purchase the items for the food baskets. Donations can be sent to the church office and marked for "Holiday Meals". Donations can also be made through our online giving. Thank you!

## **Giving**

Please remember to continue to give financially to Good Shepherd. We still have to pay the mortgage and other bills. Please continue to give and support our ministries during this time so that our ministries continue and are ready to bounce back once the concern is over. There are two easy ways to give electronically. Go to our website [www.luthgoodshep.org](http://www.luthgoodshep.org), and sign up for electronic giving under the "Giving" tab.

Also, by opening the camera on your smartphone and point it at the QR code below, it will prompt you to open a website and enter a secure payment.



## **Thrivent Choice Dollars**

Are you a member of Thrivent? You may have unused Choice Dollars! Choice Dollars can be designated to Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. Another great way to keep our ministries going! Check with your Thrivent Representative for more information.

THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS MEAL/ANGEL TREE REGISTRATION

**Form MUST be returned to church no later than 10/11.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE/PARTNER \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_ Gender: Male Female

**DEADLINE FOR REQUESTING THE 2 HOLIDAY MEALS AND ANGEL TREE GIFTS IS 10/11/2020.**

**If you only want one holiday meal, tell us which one on this line \_\_\_\_\_**

## ANGEL TREE REQUEST FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE/PARTNER \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

### CHILDREN LIVING IN YOUR HOME

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_ FAVORITE COLOR \_\_\_\_\_

Clothing size \_\_\_\_\_

GIFT IDEA: 1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_ FAVORITE COLOR \_\_\_\_\_

Clothing size \_\_\_\_\_

GIFT IDEA: 1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_ FAVORITE COLOR \_\_\_\_\_

Clothing size \_\_\_\_\_

GIFT IDEA: 1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

**NO GIFT CARDS FOR CHILDREN UNDER 16 YEARS**

**Please list additional children on the back**

*“In green pastures he makes me  
lie down; to still waters he leads  
me; he restores my soul.”*

**Psalm 23:2-3**

**October 2020**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<p><b>4</b>            9am – In Person Worship            10:30am Facebook Live            Worship</p>	5	6	7	<p><b>8</b>            7:15 pm Confirmation            Class/ZOOM</p>	9	10
<p><b>11</b>            9am – In Person Worship            10:30am Facebook Live            Worship</p>	12	13	14	15	16	17
<p><b>18</b>            9am – In Person Worship            10:30am Facebook Live            Worship</p>	19	<p><b>20</b>            7:15pm Council Mtg.</p>	21	<p><b>22</b>            7:15 pm Confirmation            Class/ZOOM</p>	23	24
<p><b>25</b>            9am – In Person Worship            10:30am Facebook Live            Worship</p>	26	27	28	<p><b>29</b>            7:15 pm Confirmation            Class/ZOOM</p>	30	<p><b>31 Halloween</b>             Daylight Savings Time Ends,            turn your clocks back 1 hour            before going to bed!</p>