

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
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2022

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

The Shepherd's Voice





11/1 Mark Zaplitny
 11/2 Katie Scheivert
 11/3 John Jay Mitchell
 11/4 Joan Merkle
 11/5 Ben Genaro
 11/6 Ali Scheivert
 11/7 Jack Murray
 Kim Tapscott
 Erin Kauppila
 John Anderson, Jr.

11/8 Victoria Tarley
 Laraine Popplewell
 Bob Bisignaro, Jr.
 11/10 Kristen Solt
 11/12 Timothy Urban
 11/13 Gail Ekstrand
 Ava Wilgis
 11/14 Phil Hetzel
 11/15 Sterling Zaplitny
 Michael Bertoni
 Nancy Hanna
 11/18 Todd Matukaitis
 11/19 Sandy Weagley
 11/25 Hunter Gauer
 11/27 Tamara Taylor
 11/28 Patricia Sabo

11/2	Carmen & James Brown	13 yrs.
11/11	Charlotte Townsend & John Hanaway	11 yrs.
11/16	Wayne & Linda Croshaw	54 yrs.
11/17	Tony & Erin Scheivert	21 yrs.
11/23	Charles & Jill Scott	20 yrs.
11/23	David & Barbara Althouse	54 yrs.
11/25	Tony & Betty Lee Genaro	61 yrs.
11/27	Matt & Megan Richards	12 yrs.
11/30	Phyllis & Barry Haines	48 yrs.



We mourn the death of:

Ruth McMahon October 13, 2022

Financial update: September 2022

Receipts: Total Current Receipts through September 2022 were up (+5.7%) compared to the same period in 2021. Adult Receipts (pledged giving) was down (-11.9%). Other Adult Receipts were up (+12.9%). Hall Donations/Rental Fees were up (+111.2%). Mortgage Receipts were down (-25.3%).

Expenses: Total Current Expenses through September 2022 decreased by (-1.5%) compared to the same period in 2021. Stewardship, Finance, Evangelism, Office, and Christian Ed expenses were up, while Worship/Music, Synod and Staff expenditures were down.

Dear Church-

For the past few years, I have been researching my family tree online. One of the mysteries that has fascinated me is the life of my mother's paternal grandfather, Stark Olsen. In 1900 his status, was duly recorded in the Federal Census as a single man living with an uncle in Minnesota. Ten years later he was married with three children and living in the same county as a decade earlier. Yet there was no record of Stark and Inga being married in the state of Minnesota. Where did they meet? Where was the wedding? I have a copy of their wedding picture, so clearly something happened!



When my mother was growing up, little was said about Stark. He struggled with alcohol and by 1920 was living as a roomer at a boarding house. He was absent for much of my grandfather's life. For too long a time, his grandchildren thought he probably had died homeless and alone. But a search by his grandson led to learning that when he died, his employer thought enough of him to pay for both his hospital stay and his burial. Because my uncles Will and Dennis sought out information about their grandfather, the image that his family has of him was changed. Clearly, he had struggles, but the new "picture" of Stark Olsen has a greater sense of hope and dignity, for which I am thankful.

Much of what we know about our past comes to us in the stories we are told by our elders. In the case of my great-grandfather, his ex-wife and his children kept those stories to themselves. Given the time and circumstances, that's understandable, but it also created a false narrative and confusion about who he really was. But what, you may be asking, does this have to do with you?

Just as we learn much of our family history through the stories of elders, we also learn our faith history through the narratives that we are told. *How did I first learn about Abraham and Sara and Joseph and Mary?* From the stories my parents and Sunday School teachers told me. *How did my daughter learn about the benefits of Holy Communion?* By hearing her mother/pastor teaching the stories of the Passover and the Last Supper. *Why is the idea of death not frightening to my father?* Because he knows the promise of Easter. It's a story he's told me many times.

If we don't intentionally tell the stories of our faith, we run the risk that those who "come after us" will be confused or uninformed. If we don't continually renew our own knowledge, our faith can become stale or stagnant. So, do you talk about your faith with your family and friends? If someone asked you about your favorite Bible story, would you have an answer?

In his letter to the Romans, Paul wrote,

For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" [Rom 10:13-15]

My guess is that many beautiful feet brought the good news of Jesus Christ to you on more occasions than you can remember. And having heard the news, you came to believe, and that belief has been a source of comfort and joy. But what about those people in your life who have not heard? Or those who have found themselves out of range from the proclamation of the good news? What might your beautiful feet bring to them?

I know the idea of sharing your faith can be daunting at times. Strangely enough, it sometimes seems like it is harder to share with people we know than with strangers. But you have a significant story to tell and there are so many who need what you have come to know. They ache for what God is offering and we can't rely on someone else to bring them the good news.

May God bless you in all your story telling and receiving!!

Pastor Heidi



Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sunday, November 6, 2022

Turn your clocks **BACK** one hour before going to bed Saturday

Cooking with Watta Returns!

On Sunday, November 27, 2022, Watta will be walk us through preparing a traditional African meal. We'll then enjoy the meal together!



A signup sheet will be available in the Narthex.

Pastor Susan Memorial Concert

Good Shepherd has purchased a new piano in memory of Pastor Susan. A memorial concert featuring the new piano will take place in the LCGS Fellowship Hall on the evening of Friday, November 18th. The concert will feature soloists, ensembles, and choirs from Good Shepherd and Messiah, and refreshments will be served. Please invite your family and friends to this special event! No tickets needed, but a free-will offering will be taken for donations for the piano. If you are interested in participating in the concert, please see Martha Chan (mchan@luthgoodshep.org), or any of the music staff.



Monthly Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, November 19, 2022 8-10 am

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.

\$10 adults/\$4 children



The LIFT Team is in Need Volunteers

We need some new voices to share God's word with our youth and families. This is a very small time commitment and all of the planning is already done. You will be provided with everything you need - it is as easy as reading the lesson and encouraging conversation. You can sign up to help just one time, to help once a month, or weekly if you wish. Our curriculum encourages hearing our stories from different voices so that is a LIFT goal for this year.

Please see Erin Kauppila if you would like to volunteer!

Social Ministry Thanksgiving/Christmas Meals for Families in Need

Good Shepherd will again give members and friends of member in need a complete holiday meals for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Sign up sheets are in the Narthex for the needed items! Items must be returned no later than 11/13/22. Thank you for your continued support! We cannot do this without you!

Combined Handbell Choir

I am pleased to share that we are continuing on with the "Combined Handbell Choir" made up of members from both Good Shepherd and Messiah. We will provide special music to both congregations throughout the season. Please keep the bell choir in your prayers as we venture into this new chapter of our ministry, and do consider joining us if you enjoy the bells! No experience needed!- MarthaChan (mchan@luthgoodshep.org)



Social Ministry thanks all members of Good Shepherd

Social Ministry would like to thank all who have been bringing food to stock our Blessing Box. We also receive donations from Olivet Methodist Church, our Boy Scouts, Rosebud's, retired teachers from Friendship Elementary School, Grocery Bargain Market, Coatesville Lion's Club, Bondsville Mill Gardens, and our local neighbors. We have also been blessed to have Thrivent members who have been given monetary grants to buy food directly. Without all of these donations there is no way we could stock the Box. We know that the box is feeding families. In fact we found a note in the box from a woman "...thanking us for helping her family survive".

We want you to know that: we continue to need sources of protein like canned meat, stew, soups, canned ravioli, beefaroni and beans. We also need personal care items like deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, womn's sanitary items, toothpaste etc. Please bring basics like, rice, bread, cereal, pasta, pasta sauce and cereal and bring Chicken Helper, Tuna Helper, instant potatoes and stuffing. Please put your donations into the Blessing Box or on the food tables during open church hours.

Share Your Photos!

We are currently creating a file of photos showing Good Shepherd in action. These pictures will be used in Social Media settings including the church's website. If you have clear photos of people participating in worship, activities, service, learning, etc.- please send your jpg files to Pastor Heidi at HRodrick@luthgoodshep.org. You are also invited to take new photos in worship and at events to be a part of the mix.



BEAR CREEK CAMP

Each of the past two years, our community has stepped up in a big way to care for the comfort of all those that stay at Bear Creek Camp. Together we have insulated and heated East and South site cabins and we've purchased new mattresses to create more hospitable spaces for our guests year-round.

We know that camp is more than just a place to sleep. It's the community that is formed while exploring this space together. One of the key locations for building these bonds for campers at BCC is the lake.

This year for Giving Tuesday, we have a goal to raise \$25,000+ for a pavilion at the lake with seating areas, private changing areas, and easier equipment access to better serve our campers and retreat guests. With this plan, we're addressing the need for shaded space and increased access to the water and beach for all to encourage greater use of one of BCC's best resources.

Giving Tuesday, November 29th, 2022

Ladies' night out - Bunco is back!

3rd Sunday of the month from September through December. 6:30-9 pm in the cafe. Want to have fun and laugh while we play an easy to learn, fast moving dice game? Then join us and bring a friend, Messiah ladies have been invited! The more the merrier! \$5 donation is suggested for snacks and prizes awarded. Questions call or text Darlene Hoskins (484)678-0554. Come on ladies, let's see how you roll.



Prayer Chain

If you would like the Prayer Chain to pray for your need, contact the church office 610-384-2035, ext 201. We 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.

Save the Date!

Breakfast with Santa

December 17, 2022

Regular Monthly Breakfast at 8:00 am

Santa arrives at 9 - 10:30 am

Visits & photos with Santa. Activities, crafts, face painting, favors and more!

Please contact Sue Durborow, suedurborow@gmail.com, or Sandy Haines, adminsupport@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer to help!



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GOD is GOOD

The Social Ministry Evangelism Committee wants to start a new feature in the newsletter called "God is Good!" The idea behind this is that sometimes we forget that even a small act of kindness can make a difference in the world, especially when it seems that all we hear are bad things happening. What we are asking people to do is to submit an anecdote about something kind that they did for someone else (don't be shy) or something that someone did for you! Please submit your story to Kim Tapscott at tapscots@verizon.net, and monthly the committee will choose one or more to share in the newsletter. God is Good all the time and has "angels" everywhere showing his love! Let us rejoice and watch for the good in ourselves and others as we share the good news of God's love! Kim Tapscott, on behalf of the Social Ministry/Evangelism Committee.

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, 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.

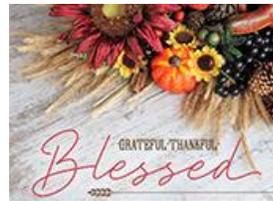


Thrivent Choice Dollars

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.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Phillipians 4:6



November 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd www.luthgoodshep.org 107 S. 17th Ave., Coatesville, PA 19320 Office Hours: Mon – Thurs 9:00 am-1:00 pm 610-384-2035		1 7:15 pm Council Mtg.	2 7pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm Scout Troop 117, Boys	3 7pm Scout Troop 111, Girls	4	5 Hall Rental Daylight Savings Time ends tomorrow – turn your clocks 1 hour back before bed!
6 All Saints Wood Church 9:30am Worship 9:30am Facebook Live Worship 10:30am Pageant Rehearsal/ LIFT	7 7:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal	8 Election Day 7:15 pm Property Meeting 	9 1pm Caln Seniors Mtg. 7pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm Scout Troop 117, Boys	10 7pm Scout Troop 111, Girls	11 Veterans Day 	12 Hall Rental
13 9:30am Worship 9:30am Facebook Live Worship Reception of New Members 10:30am Pageant Rehearsal/ LIFT	14 7:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal	15 7:15 pm Council Meeting	16 7pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm Scout Troop 117, Boys	17 7pm Scout Troop 111, Girls	18 4pm Pastor Susan Memorial Concert	19 8am Pancake Breakfast
20 9:30am Worship 9:30am Facebook Live Worship 10:30am Pageant Rehearsal/ LIFT 2pm Hall Rental 6:30 pm BUNCO	21 7:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal	22	23 7pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm Scout Troop 117, Boys	24 Thanksgiving 	25	26 5pm Liberian Meeting
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