

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills and Christian Preschool

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WEEKLY TIDINGS: JANUARY 6 – JANUARY 13, 2019

*Hello and welcome to Good Shepherd! We're glad you're here!
May you experience the love of Christ and feel His presence during worship today.*

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS: Mark up your Bible this year

If you never have before, let me encourage you to begin marking up your Bibles. Let that book **get personal** with you. Underline and highlight words, phrases and verses that speak to you. And if the Spirit lays something profound on your soul, use the margins to write what he is speaking to you.

And if your Bible is in your phone, find a **Bible app** that allows you to underline, highlight and make notes as you go. Find an app that works well for you, then use it.

Whether the words of the Lord come to you as electronic characters on your phone, or as ink on the page, allow the words of God to get personal with you. Allow God to speak to you and to penetrate the depths of your soul. **Slow down and listen.** Listen not only to the words on the page, but also to the Spirit as he whispers to you.

That means **getting quiet** with God. I have a couple places I like to sit and listen to see if God has something to share. With my Bible I gather my pen, highlighters and journal before I begin so my time can be focused and uninterrupted. I read my verses or chapter. As I read, I try to keep my mind and soul open to what the Holy Spirit may be showing me.

Sometimes I open my **journal** quickly to capture a thought or insight God has given. Other times I open my journal with nothing to write, but I still pick up my pen. As I begin to write what is on my heart and to share with him, so often he will respond.

You want to hear from God? Find your quiet place, **a place free of distractions.** Gather your Bible things together and settle in for a bit of "God & You" time. Look, listen, ask questions, share your concerns with him. And you will find that the Jesus you meet is the Jesus who is filled with passion and love for you.

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- Pastor Tim

LAST WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD: DEC. 30TH OFFERINGS: \$3,334.00 and ATTENDANCE: 72

CHRISTMAS EVE and CHRISTMAS DAY OFFERING TOTAL: \$5,934.00

**** Remember to sign the welcome pad during the service. It is located on the pew near the center aisle.
Pass it down for all to sign, then return it to its original location. ****

MANY THANKS!

The Church and Preschool Staff would like to thank the congregation for your Christmas gift to us. It is a blessing and joy to serve the families of Good Shepherd and the Preschool, and to touch members of the community. Blessings,

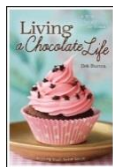
- Pastor Bickel, Jeremy Frantz, Joan Krueger, Sandy Marcovecchio, Billee Jo Schmidt
 - Jennifer Meyer, Rachel Barone, Heather Bell, Jeanine Bondi, Laura Diamond, Amy Frantz, Ashley Miller, Cathy O'Malley, Bonnie Panasko, Christina Sebastian, Cathi Storey, Laura Thurston, John Zewe
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GOOD SHEPHERD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chancel Flowers today are placed to the Glory of God by the congregation for blessings received.

Portals of Prayer (January-March), Lutheran Witness and **Lutherans Engage** are available in the narthex.

Men, join us **January 12th at 7:00 am in the Fellowship Hall** for our next **breakfast and Bible study**.



Living a Chocolate Life is a **Women's Bible study** that warmly invites all to savor God's rich and endless supply of grace in Christ. Whether you're sampling bitter nuggets of pain to sweet morsels of joy, this study reminds you that the Holy Spirit fills us with sweet faith in our Savior—and it is only He who can truly satisfy. **The next session will be on Saturday, January 12th at 10:30am in the Youth Room.** See Joan Krueger for more information.

Have you picked up your **2019 Offering Envelope**? They are available in the narthex. If you did not receive an assigned envelope number and would like one, please let the church office know.

The **2019 Flower Chart** has been posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. The cost of the flowers remains at \$20. Sign-up to provide the chancel flowers for a Sunday in 2019.

The **Preschool** is in need of paper towels and glue sticks. Donations may be brought to the Preschool Office or placed in the designated box near the coat racks.

The **Preschool** would like to acquire a 4 piece walkie talkie system to help with communication between staff on the various levels of the building during the school day. Donations to purchase this system are welcome and may be placed in an envelope and given to Jennifer Meyer.

Preschool Registration for the 2019-2020 school year has begun. The Preschool will hold an Open House on January 19. Contact the Preschool Office for more information.

The **Preschool** has a **new email address**: preschool@goodshepherdpittsburgh.org

Note the change and update your address books.

The **LWML/Ladies Guild** wants you to **SAVE THE DATE** for our annual **Chili Cook-Off** on **Saturday, February 9, 2019** beginning at 3pm. There is a \$5 charge to cover the cost of the bowl, spoon, and cornbread. We will also have hot dogs and drinks for sale. This event is open to the public so let your friends and family know to save the date.



Eat'n Park gift cards are available from Ruth Johnson, Jean Barone, and Carol Kagemann. A percentage of your purchase benefits the Women's Ministry. Thank you for your support.



The **National Youth Gathering** is just 6 months away now! Check out the poster on the bulletin board outside the church office to see how far along the group is in reaching its fundraising goal. We are starting our **Money to Miles fundraiser**, where every dollar donated sponsors a mile. It's 900 miles between Pittsburgh and Minneapolis. Help us move closer to reaching our fundraising goal and sponsor a mile today. Forms are available in the narthex or contact the church office.

During the month of January, we remember the Sanctity of Life. Grab a **baby bottle** from the narthex and join the Human Coalition in the work of saving lives. Please **return filled bottles by Sunday, January 27**.

Just a reminder, *all bulletin notices should be received in the office by 9am Wednesday.*

OTHER CHURCH NEWS – PLEASE SEE THE BULLETIN BOARD FOR DETAILS

- WinterJam 2019: Friday, February 15, PPG Paints Arena, 7pm
- TobyMac Hits Deep Tour 2019: Saturday, March 23 – Petersen Events Center, 7pm

ON THE CALENDAR (1/6–1/13):

Sunday	7:45a // 8:30a // 9:50a // 10:45a	Choir // Traditional Worship with Communion // Bible Hour // Modern Worship with Communion
Monday	7p	Council Meeting // Boy Scouts
Tuesday		
Wednesday	7:30p	Narcotics Anonymous
Thursday		
Friday	6p 7p	Preschool Board Meeting Plastic Model Society
Saturday	7a 9a 10:30a	Men's Bible Study Bells Women's Bible Study
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****During the Worship Services, Closed Circuit TV of the service is available in Room 11(Preschool Room, Red Door)****

**** If a person has difficulty hearing during the service, hearing receivers are available in the narthex.****
