

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills and Christian Preschool

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WEEKLY TIDINGS: FEBRUARY 10 – FEBRUARY 17, 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.*

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EASTERN DISTRICT PRESIDENT:

Part of the challenge of restoring health and vitality to congregations is the need to recognize what we are up against as the church. Healthy, vital congregations understand that the battle is with "principalities and powers", not against each other. We are up against the forces of evil in our efforts to proclaim the true and saving Word of God that brings the light of the message of salvation into a world that is dying in the dark around us. Our main objective is to reach those who are living outside a saving relationship with Jesus Christ as their only source of eternal life.

Disciples in healthy, vital congregations focus their energies on the task of living their lives in such a way that they bring the message that has changed their lives into the lives of those around them. Congregations who have that focus have adopted a "whatever it takes" mentality toward reaching the lost. That attitude diverts the attention away from those issues that might otherwise distract and confuse and debilitate them.

Health and vitality disciples recognize that they are the Children of God and live in that reality. Healthy, vital congregations will look for ways to affirm what it means to be children of God in this world and how that looks in our lives. Healthy, vital congregations will help the disciples in their midst to see worship and participation in the sacraments as an essential part of the health and vitality of an individual child of God. Healthy, vital congregations will provide frequent opportunities to study and be fed by God's Word.

- Pastor Chris Wicher

LAST WEEK (FEB. 3RD) AT GOOD SHEPHERD: OFFERINGS \$5,139.00 AND ATTENDANCE (58-8:30;41-10:45)

*** 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. ***

ON THE CALENDAR (2/10-2/17):

Sunday	7:45a // 8:30a // 9:50a // 10:45a	Choir // Traditional Worship with Communion // Bible Hour // Modern Worship
Monday	7p	Boy Scouts
Tuesday	7p	In Home Women's Bible Study
Wednesday	7:30p	Narcotics Anonymous
Thursday	1p 5:30p	In Home Women's Bible Study Soccer Shots
Friday		
Saturday	9a 9:30a 1p	Bells Soccer Shots Private Use of Fellowship Hall
Sunday	7:45a // 8:30a // 9:50a // 10:45a	Choir // Traditional Worship with Communion // Bible Hour // Modern Worship with Communion

***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.***

GOOD SHEPHERD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chancel Flowers are placed to the Glory of God by Carol Kagemann in praise of being able to study God's word freely.

The **February** issue of **Lutheran Witness** is now available in the narthex.

Kathi Kuskie would like to thank everyone for the prayers, phone calls, visits, and cards during her recovery. Kathi continues to welcome visits and phone calls as her health continues to improve, and she looks forward to seeing her Good Shepherd family soon.

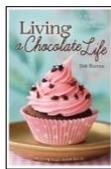


This is the last day to sign up in the narthex for the new Women's Bible Study, *The Armor of God*, which **begins this week**. This in home study has two options - evenings on Tuesdays (7-8:30p) and afternoons on Thursdays (1-2:30p). All ladies are welcome!

Life Groups will be happening for 5 weeks in Lent starting Sunday, March 10 and ending on Saturday, April 13. Anyone **interested in hosting or leading a group**, *contact the office before February 18th*.

Are you a **Thrivent Member**? **Seed money (up to \$250)** is available for mission projects, programs like VBS or Journey to the Cross, or fundraisers. If you are Thrivent Member and interested in learning more, see Joan Krueger or provide your name to the office.

Saturday, February 23 is the annual **Trivia Night and Pasta Dinner sponsored by the Youth**. What do you know about the Oscars? Classic Movies? Musicals? Disney? Minneapolis? The National Youth Gathering? Come, test your knowledge and join us for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship. **Dinner begins at 5:30pm, and Trivia follows at 6pm**. A free will offering will be taken to support the group attending the 2019 National Youth Gathering. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors for an evening of laughter and delicious food. **Sign up** on the bulletin board outside the church office or via the website (<https://goodshepherdpittsburgh.org/trivia-night-pasta-dinner/>).



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, March 2nd at 10:30am in the Youth Room**. See Joan Krueger for more information.

The Lenten Season is fast approaching. **Ash Wednesday** is March 6th. Join us in the Sanctuary for a **Worship Service at 10am or 7pm**. There will also be a **Soup Supper** in the Fellowship Hall beginning at **6:15pm**, hosted by the Youth.

Have you recently replaced an **iPad or Android notebook** and you're looking to **recycle** your **old equipment**? If so, consider donating the older devices to Good Shepherd. The late service worship team can make use of these devices.

Coffee Hour on Sunday morning encourages visitors and regular worship attendees to stay and talk after early service. It stirs attendees to arrive early for fellowship before Bible hour and late service. This fellowship is a way to reach out to one another, to inspire conversation and to spur people to get to know one another. To enable this outreach and fellowship, we are looking for individuals who would like be part of a Sunday morning Coffee Hour Ministry team. As a team, individuals can work together to share the tasks of preparing the coffee, providing the food, and cleaning up on Sunday morning. If you are interested in helping, even if it is just once with a single task, contact the church office.



If you will be shopping on Amazon for Valentine's Day, remember that Good Shepherd participates in the Amazon Smile Program. Login to your account via **Amazon Smile** to have 0.5% of your eligible purchases donated to Good Shepherd. Simply Visit **smile.amazon.com**, log into your account, and choose **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills, Pittsburgh PA**.

How about Eat 'n Park gift card for a meal out? **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**.



OTHER CHURCH NEWS – PLEASE SEE THE BULLETIN BOARD FOR DETAILS

- *A Luncheon for Your Grieving Heart*: Thursday, February 14, The Whitehall House, 11:30am
 - *WinterJam 2019*: Friday, February 15, PPG Paints Arena, 7pm
 - *Concordia of the South Hills Open House*: Sunday February 24 and Monday, February, 25, 1-3pm
 - *TobyMac Hits Deep Tour 2019*: Saturday, March 23 – Petersen Events Center, 7pm
 - *Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends* (April 5-7; April 26-28; October 11-13; November 1-3)
 - *Camp Pioneer*: Taste of Pioneer (Mar. 10); Family Camp and Sundays at Pioneer (June-August)
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