

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills and Christian Preschool

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WEEKLY TIDINGS: FEBRUARY 17 – FEBRUARY 24, 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.*

Reach in. Reach across. Reach out.

In October 2017, Good Shepherd introduced a new fund drive called 51/49. You were asked to begin a new mission focus with a special offering that would be divided – 51% for missions outside of Good Shepherd, 49% for missions within Good Shepherd and reduction of debt. You responded - about \$6000 was collected!

\$2500 was split between three missions that our congregation has long supported financially and prayerfully: The Unity Mission, Pastor Naumann's ministry in Sri Lanka, and the Sonshine Ministries. Another \$500 was directed to our Preschool for use with the Nepalese families it serves. \$1000 was paid to the web-design company, Ministry Designs, to purchase the platform for the church's new website, www.goodshepherdpittsburgh.org. (If you have not yet checked it out, please do so!) The remainder of that 49% was directed toward the church's outstanding debt.

Since that 51/49 funding effort, changes came to Good Shepherd: in leadership, in staffing, in technology, and in the worship schedule with a new worship style. More changes will come! Change can be invigorating, exciting, and unnerving. Through it all our overall mission remains and will remain the same: reaching members of the congregation and the community in faith, reaching people for Christ.

In order to reach you and others more intentionally, the Mission Ministry team and the church Council have decided to focus effort in three areas:

1. Financially and physically support the work being done by three organizations: the *Himalayan Foundation*, who work with the Nepalese community in the neighborhoods around Good Shepherd; *Light of Life Ministries*, an established Christian organization serving homeless men, women, and children in the Pittsburgh area; and *The Unity Mission*, an after-school outreach mission program to the community.
2. Embark on a mission trip during the next 18 months that would provide you a tangible opportunity to step away for some time to serve and minister to others.
3. Coordinate with the organization *refocusing* on a program called the Missional Pathway, which will train your leaders and you to reach others inside and outside of our congregation in Christ.

You will hear much more about these efforts in coming weeks and months. But we need to begin. During this coming Lent, we will ask you again to support a **51/49 campaign**. And as before, 51% of the funds will be directed to ministries outside of the congregation, 49% within.

Help us to reach each of you. Help us to reach others.

Feel free to contact the members of the Mission Ministry team with any questions or suggestions you may have. In gratitude, your Mission Team:

Pastor Bickel, Rachel Barone, Carol Kagemann, Katelyn Marcovecchio, Mike Martinez, Kim Ressler, and Rita Winker

LAST WEEK (FEB. 10TH) AT GOOD SHEPHERD: OFFERINGS \$3,491.00 AND ATTENDANCE (56-8:30; 30-10:45)

*** 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. ***

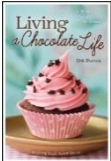
GOOD SHEPHERD ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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**? In the last two weeks two **Thrivent Action Team** proposals have been approved – one for the Trivia Night to support our youth going to the Youth Gathering in Minneapolis and the other for Journey to the Cross. Thrivent members please pray about how you can use the Action Team seed money for service projects, fundraising or education. You can make a significant impact on our church and community by using this resource. See Joan Krueger for more information.

This Saturday, February 23 is the annual **Trivia Night and Pasta Dinner sponsored by the Youth**. **Dinner begins at 5:30pm, and Trivia follows at 6pm**. Can't make it for the whole evening, then just come for dinner or just for trivia. It will be an evening of food, fun, and fellowship! Come join us and invite your family, friends and neighbors. A free will offering will be taken to support the group attending the 2019 National Youth Gathering. **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.

Have you checked out the bulletin board outside the church office? Thanks to Grace Chioda for redesigning it and organizing the materials. If you have news you'd like to share in the Community section, bring the information to the church office.

Are you following Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills or Good Shepherd Christian Preschool on Facebook? If you have a Facebook account, check these pages out. Event and sign-up information is posted. Closing and delay information is posted. The Monday Moment is posted. 'Like' and 'Share,' spreading the news with your friends.

OTHER CHURCH NEWS – PLEASE SEE THE BULLETIN BOARD FOR DETAILS

- *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)

ON THE CALENDAR (2/17–2/24):

Sunday	7:45a // 8:30a // 9:50a // 10:45a	Choir // Traditional Worship with Communion // Bible Hour // Modern Worship with Communion
Monday	7p	Boy Scouts
Tuesday	6p 7p	Steel City Scrappers Mission Team Meeting // 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	9:30a 1p 5:30p	Soccer Shots Setup for Trivia/Pasta Dinner Pasta Dinner and Trivia Night
Sunday	7:45a // 8:30a // 9:50a // 10:45a	Choir // Traditional Worship with Communion // Bible Hour // Modern Worship

****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.****
