

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH OF SOUTH HILLS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills</b>            418 Maxwell Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15236 Phone: 412-884-3232/Fax: 412-884-3233  <b>Pastor: Rev. Timothy Bickel</b> Phone: 419-377-7506 E-mail: <a href="mailto:pastortim@goodshepherdpittsburgh.org">pastortim@goodshepherdpittsburgh.org</a>  <b>In case of a building emergency please contact:</b> Ken Meyer (412-513-8890)  <b>For other emergencies, please contact:</b> Scott Thurston (412-584-4250)            Office: <a href="mailto:office@goodshepherdpittsburgh.org">office@goodshepherdpittsburgh.org</a>; Preschool: <a href="mailto:preschool@goodshepherdpittsburgh.org">preschool@goodshepherdpittsburgh.org</a> 412-884-5960  <a href="http://www.goodshepherdpittsburgh.org">www.goodshepherdpittsburgh.org</a></p>					<p><b>1</b> 7p Plastic Model Society</p>	<p><b>2</b> <b>9a Bell Choir</b> 9:30a-1p Soccer Shots <b>10:30a Women's Bible Study</b> 1-7p Private Use of Fellowship Hall</p>
<p><b>3</b> 7:45a Choir 8:30a Traditional Worship 9:50a SS/Bible Class 10:45a Modern Worship</p>	<p><b>4</b> 7p Elders Meeting  7p Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>5</b> 11:30a Soccer Shots  6p Steel City Scrappers  <i>PS Chapel 9:15a, 12:45p</i></p>	<p><b>6 Ash Wednesday</b> <b>10a Worship Service</b> <b>6:15p Soup Supper</b> <b>7p Worship Service</b> 7:30p Narcotics Anonymous <i>PS Chapel 9:15a</i></p>	<p><b>7</b> 5:30p Soccer Shots  <i>Preschool Library Visit</i></p>	<p><b>8</b>  <i>Preschool Library Visit</i></p>	<p><b>9</b> <b>7a Men's Bible Study</b> <b>9a Bell Choir</b> 9:30a-1p Soccer Shots Makeup</p>
<p><b>10 Daylight Savings Begins</b> 7:45a Choir 8:30a Traditional Worship 9:50a SS/Bible Class 10:45a Modern Worship <b>12p LWML Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> <b>7p Council Meeting</b>  7p Boy Scouts  <i>NO PRESCHOOL (Parent-Teacher Conferences)</i></p>	<p><b>12</b>    <i>NO PRESCHOOL (Parent-Teacher Conferences)</i></p>	<p><b>13</b> 7:30p Narcotics Anonymous  <i>NO PRESCHOOL (Parent-Teacher Conferences)</i></p>	<p><b>14</b> 5:30p Soccer Shots Makeup  <i>Preschool Sarris Candy Sale Ends</i></p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b> <b>9a Bell Choir</b> 9:30a-1p Soccer Shots Makeup</p>
<p><b>17</b> 7:45a Choir 8:30a Traditional Worship 9:50a SS/Bible Class 10:45a Modern Worship</p>	<p><b>18</b> 7p Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>19</b> 11:30a Soccer Shots  6p Steel City Scrappers  <i>PS Chapel 9:15a, 12:45p</i></p>	<p><b>20</b> 7:30p Narcotics Anonymous  <i>PS Chapel 9:15a</i></p>	<p><b>21</b>   <i>5-8p Preschool Scholastic Book Fair Family Night &amp; International Cookie Walk</i></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b> <b>9a Bell Choir</b></p>
<p><b>24</b> 7:45a Choir 8:30a Traditional Worship 9:50a SS/Bible Class 10:45a Modern Worship</p>	<p><b>25</b> 7p Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>26</b> 11:30a Soccer Shots   <i>PS Chapel 9:15a, 12:45p</i></p>	<p><b>27</b> 7:30p Narcotics Anonymous  <i>PS Chapel 9:15a PS Vision Screening</i></p>	<p><b>28</b> 5:30p Soccer Shots  <i>PS Vision Screening</i></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b> <b>9a Bell Choir</b> 9:30a-1p Soccer Shots 1-7p Private Use of Fellowship Hall</p>
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**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills**  
**March 2019: News to Note**

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**Bible Study Opportunities**

**Men** – Breakfast and Study, **Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 7am**, Fellowship Hall

**Women** – *Living a Chocolate Life*, **Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:30am**, Youth Room

*The Armor of God*, in home study continues on **Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm** (Jefferson Hills area) and **Thursdays, 1:00-2:30pm** (Mt. Lebanon area).

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**Preschool News**

There is a multitude of activity in the Preschool this month.

- **Preschool Registration** 2019-2020 continues. Visit our website to learn about the program (<https://goodshepherdpittsburgh.org/preschool-main-page/>). Contact the Director with any questions (412-884-9690).
  - The **Sarris Candy fundraiser** continues through March 14<sup>th</sup>. Order forms are available in the narthex. *Place orders and payment in the designated box in the church office by Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>*. The candy will be delivered to the church on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - There is **No School March 11, 12, & 13**. Parents-teacher conferences will be held on these days.
  - We're having an **International Cookie Walk** in conjunction with our **Scholastic Book Fair Family Night on Thursday, March 21, 5-8pm**. We want to celebrate our various ethnic backgrounds with tables decorated to showcase the different ethnicities. The table might include pictures, articles, and cookies from the ethnicity you are showcasing. If you're interested in hosting a table or simply providing ethnic cookies for the event, please contact the Director (412-884-9690 or [preschool@goodshepherdpittsburgh.org](mailto:preschool@goodshepherdpittsburgh.org)).
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**51/49: 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](http://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*

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### Lent Service Themes: Ezekiel 37

The five Sundays in Lent will take us through a five week sermon series on Ezekiel 37. Sunday Worship is at 8:30am and 10:45am. Join us on this journey.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Verses</u>	<u>Key Scripture</u>	<u>Theme</u>
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 37:1-6	"The hand of the Lord"	How God Shows up in your Life
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 37:7-10	"So I prophesied"	Speak with Power
March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 37:11-14	"I will open your graves"	Redemption has no Limits
March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Ezekiel 37:15-23	"One stick...no longer divided"	One Christ, One Kingdom, One Church
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 37:24-28	"They, their children, and their children's children"	All Generations AND from Generation to Generation

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### Life Groups

Good Shepherd has five Life Groups meeting during the Lent Season. The weekly discussions will flow from the Ezekiel 37 texts and themes for the Lent Sunday services. Interested in joining a group? Contact a leader, host, the church office, or sign-up online (<https://goodshepherdpittsburgh.org/life-groups/>). Join a group; bring a friend; share life through fellowship, Bible discussion, and prayer. Groups begin the week of Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Host and Location</u>
Tuesday	7-8:30pm	Kim Ressler (412-477-4673)	Ray & Chris Vogel 202 Delano Drive, Pleasant Hills
Wednesday	10-11:15am	Pastor Bickel (419-377-7506)	Youth Room, Good Shepherd
Wednesday	7-8:30pm	Donnie Volland (412-779-7035)	Donnie & Tori Volland 119 Hollywood Drive, Jefferson Hills
Friday	6:30-8pm	Mark Barkell (412-882-1069)& Larry Winker (412-889-2862)	Mark & Bethany Barkell 5130 Janie Drive, Baldwin
Friday	7-8:30pm	Dominic Molinari (412-678-6722)	The Palms at O'Neill, McKeesport

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### Special Services in March

#### **Transfiguration Sunday - March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:30am or 10:45am Worship**

*Early Communion will be celebrated on this day.* The early communion recipients include Luke Barkell, Ella Frantz, Piper Frantz, Maddie Thurston, and Hope Ulanowicz.

#### **Ash Wednesday - March 6<sup>th</sup>, 10am or 7pm Worship in the Sanctuary**

*Soup Supper, 6:15pm in the Fellowship Hall.* A freewill donation will be taken to support the youth trip to the 2019 LCMS National Youth Gathering.

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### Journey to the Cross

An old spiritual song asks this question: "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" In all honesty, we have to say no, but soon our church could have a different answer to that question.

Good Shepherd will be hosting *Journey to the Cross*, a Holy Week learning experience at **noon on Good Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**. As a traveler, you have the opportunity to walk in Jesus' footsteps during Holy Week. Smell the aroma of anointing perfume, taste Passover food, feel a crown of thorns, and so much more. You will hear about Jesus from Bible witnesses and be a part of the Passion experience.

**We need some great volunteers to make our *Journey to the Cross* as meaningful as possible, and we're hoping that you will help.** Please prayerfully consider serving our church as Actors, Station Helpers, Meet-and-Greet Volunteers, and Tour Guides.

For more information about ways in which you might contribute to the *Journey*, **please see the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board in the hallway or check the website (<https://goodshepherdpittsburgh.org/journey-to-the-cross/>), or contact Larry Krueger at 724.816.5105 (cell) or via email to [larryakrueger@verizon.net](mailto:larryakrueger@verizon.net).**

Please save April 19<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. Come join us as a volunteer or a traveler. And please pray for all those involved—volunteers and journeyers—so that the Holy Spirit may truly bless our experience together.

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**March Anniversaries**

24 - Anthony and Grace Chioda (1)                      29 - Tom and Susan Fortunato (39)

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**Holy Week Schedule**

**Palm Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>** at 8:30am and 10:45am

**Maundy Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm

**Good Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>:** *Journey to the Cross* at 12pm and **Good Friday Tenebrae Service** at 7pm

**Easter Celebration, April 21<sup>st</sup>** at 8:30am and 10:45am; Easter Breakfast will begin at 9:30am

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**Vacation Bible School**

**ROAR!** Join us **June 24-28, 2019** for a week of adventure where Life is Wild and God is Good! Whether you can attend the week of VBS or would prefer to remain "behind the scenes," there is a way for you to help. Watch the bulletin for information about an upcoming planning meeting as well as when registration will begin. As a reminder to our volunteers, it is Good Shepherd's policy that the appropriate clearances be obtained for all volunteers age 18 and older prior to working with children and youth, and a copy of the clearance certificates shall be provided to the church office to be kept on file.

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**Thrivent Action Teams**

Are you a **Thrivent Member**? In the last three weeks, three **Thrivent Action Team** proposals have been approved – one for the Trivia Night to support our youth going to the Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, one for *Journey to the Cross*, and another to assist a scout project of fixing up the campfire area. 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. There is more information on the Thrivent website (<https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-action-teams/>).

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**Real. Present God.**

**What:**        2019 LCMS National Youth Gathering

**When:**       July 11-15, 2019

**Where:**      Minneapolis, MN

**Who:**        Youth - Matthew Fox, Katelyn Marcovecchio, Christianna Martinez, Starlett Sawchak  
Adult Leaders - Anthony and Grace Chioda

**Scripture Focus: Psalm 46**

*God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,  
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea...*

*The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

*Psalm 46:1-2, 11*

Thank you for your support of the Good Shepherd Youth. Continue to pray for the youth, their leaders, and their families as they carry on with preparations for this faith life experience.

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