

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills and Christian Preschool

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WEEKLY TIDINGS: FEBRUARY 9, 2020 – FEBRUARY 16, 2020

*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.*

THE GIFT OF FAITH

When life gets difficult, we may tell ourselves “we need to have faith.” But what does this mean? Faith is the confidence in what we hope for and the assurance the Lord is working, even though we cannot see it. (see Hebrews 11:1) God works in every situation of our lives. He always knows best. We need to trust Him wholeheartedly, to see with faith and not with our eyes.

Because of our sinful human nature, it's not always easy to keep the faith in challenging times. We need to remind ourselves that faith is a gift from God (see Ephesians 2:8-9). We can nurture this gift through prayer, spending time in the Word, and spending time with other believers. As our faith grows, we are more comfortable putting our faith in action, surrendering all circumstances to God, and completing trusting Him even when we don't understand why something is happening or not happening. Our fears and doubts are overpowered by the grace of God. What an awesome gift to have and to share with others!

RECENT PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MEMBERS, FAMILY & FRIENDS: Rylan, Sean Thurston, Jennifer Meyer, Darlene Stocker, Scott Garretson, Shane, Hope Leydig

New prayer requests may be given to the office or written in the Prayer Book located in the narthex.

The many members, family and friends with long-term prayer needs will be listed in the Tidings on the 1st Sunday of each month.

ON THE CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK:

Sunday, 2/9	7:45a	Choir
	8:30a	Traditional Worship Service
	9:50a	Discovery Hour / Sunday School
	10:45a	Modern Worship Service
	12p	LWML Meeting
Monday, 2/10	7p	Mission Ministry Meeting
Tuesday, 2/11		
Wednesday, 2/12		
Thursday, 2/13		
Friday, 2/14		
Saturday, 2/15	9a	Bell Choir
	10:30a	Women's Bible Study: <i>Be Joyful Always</i>
Sunday, 2/16	7:45	Choir
	8:30a	Traditional Worship Service
	9:50a	Discovery Hour / Sunday School
	10:45a	Modern Worship Service

Checkout the website for a 'live' calendar: <https://goodshepherdpittsburgh.org/good-shepherd-events/>

LAST WEEK (2/2/20) AT GOOD SHEPHERD: OFFERING: \$4,011.00 AND ATTENDANCE: 55-8:30AM, 34-10:45AM

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

8:30am	Assisting Elder and Communion Assistant:	Dominic Molinari and Bud Hoellein
	Ushers:	The Zeman Family
	Reader:	Greg Zeman
10:45am	Assisting Elder:	Mark Barkell
	Worship Tech:	Tyler Zeman
Counters:		Ken and Jennifer Meyer
Altar Guild:		Carole Shade, Jennifer Meyer, Grace Chioda

CHANCEL FLOWERS are placed to the Glory of God by Hollie and Rich Ulanowicz in memory of our grandfather "Bubba's" birthday.

GOOD SHEPHERD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next **monthly Women's Bible Study, *Be Joyful Always***, will be **Saturday, February 15 at 10:30 am** in the Youth Room.
- The **baby bottle campaign** for the Human Coalition has ended. Please return your filled bottles to the office.



All church wide event: You're valued and we need you. "Assess"

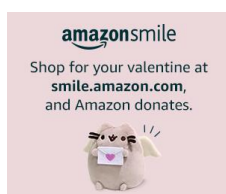
Please join us Sunday, February 23 from noon - 5 (light lunch and childcare provided).

Assess – We will assess how our church's history, strengths, make up, and passions have prepared it to minister influentially. Our leader will be coming from Wisconsin to guide us through this journey. This is an interactive afternoon you won't want to miss. Please sign-up in the narthex or electronically (<https://forms.gle/nN6KqMehBZ5TqrYP6>), mark yourself counted!!!!

- **Ash Wednesday is February 26.** Join us in the Sanctuary for worship at **10am or 7pm**. A **soup supper**, hosted by the Youth, will begin at **5:45pm** in the Fellowship Hall.
- We will have **Life Groups** for 5 weeks (March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29) during Lent. If you don't already know, a Life Group is a small (usually 12 people or less) in-home gathering. It's a time of fellowship and support, sharing life and faith together, anchored by the Word and prayer. The *Red Letter Challenge* will be our guide for this Life Group session. If you are interested in **hosting** a small group in your home or **being a leader** of a small group, speak with Pastor or contact the church office.
- The annual **Chili Cook-off** hosted by the LWML is **Saturday, February 29th at 3pm** in the **Fellowship Hall**. Come sample delicious chilis and vote for your favorite. Hot dogs and drinks will be available for purchase. There is a \$5 charge to cover the cost of the bowl, spoon, and cornbread. Don't forget the chance to win a gift basket and the 50/50 raffle. Everyone is welcome, so invite your family, friends and neighbors! Sign-up on the sheet in the narthex or electronically (<https://forms.gle/SbzJ8hetN8Sndsza6>).

Chili Cooks: Please bring your chili in a crockpot and place a small sign in front of your chili pot indicating the ingredients and whether your chili is hot or mild. We will have power strips available.

- Thank you to those who have volunteered in recent months to **help prepare our sanctuary for worship**. This includes dusting, vacuuming, and straightening the hymnals, sharpening the pencils and renewing any supplies in the church. **We are looking for volunteers to help beginning now.** See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the office or speak with Ken Meyer.



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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**.

Remember to check out the events on the website for the most up to date information including links to sign-up for the different activities: <https://goodshepherdpittsburgh.org/good-shepherd-events/>

PRESCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- If you are interested in buying **gourmet popcorn** from the Preschool, sign-up on the flyer in the narthex. There are many varieties to choose from. Make checks payable to *Good Shepherd Christian Preschool*. **Orders and payment are due today** and the popcorn will be **delivered to the church for pickup on Thursday, March 5** (time TBD).
- The Preschool will have two assistant positions available for the 2020-2021 school year. If you or someone you know may be interested, contact Ashley Miller (preschool@goodshepherdpittsburgh.org / 412-884-5960).

OTHER NEWS – PLEASE SEE THE BULLETIN BOARD FOR DETAILS:

- **Valentine's Day Luncheon** for Your Grieving Heart, The Whitehall House, February 14, 11:30a-1p.
- **Passport to Pittsburgh** offers various tours. Everyone is welcome! Check out the flyer detailing the new winter and spring day tours, plus an overnight to Lancaster to see "Queen Esther" at the Sight and Sound Theater.
- **Casting Crowns Only Jesus Tour**, March 7, Capitol Theatre, Wheeling, WV.

Happy Birthday!

Feb. 12 – Joshua Dunmire
George Zimmerman