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Good Shepherd Monthly News

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Reopening Good Shepherd

In mid-May, a Team was formed to develop a plan to reopen Good Shepherd. Ray Betler is leading the team. Members include: Jean Barone (LWML), Joan Krueger (Music Ministry), Sandy Marcovecchio (Office), Ken Meyer (Facilities), Ashley Miller (Preschool), Sean Thurston (Youth and Technology), Ray Vogel (Elders). Pastor Tim and Scott Thurston (President) are ex officio members.

In developing Good Shepherd's reopening plan, the team is reviewing Federal, State, and Local guidelines. The team is studying the resources from the CDC and the LCMS Eastern District.

While spiritual nurturing has continued since worship has moved online, many would like to get back to regular Sunday church services. The Reopening Team recognizes the desire to gather for worship. The Team also recognizes its need for due diligence, establishing new safety procedures that will be in place upon reopen-

ing to ensure the health and well-being of all.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. - John 14:27

God is with us wherever we are. We cannot forecast the future, but we can put our faith in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Pray for the Reopening Team as they work to develop a plan to bring Good Shepherd back to worship in a safe and caring manner. Pray for the Lord's guidance in this process. Continue to stay engaged, participating in the virtual worship services and devotions that are prepared and offered by Pastor Tim. And as you may begin to gather in small groups at home, use these opportunities to join together and share the online worship experience beyond your immediate household.

If you have any concerns or ideas you would like to share, submit them to the office [via email](#) or call 412-884-3232.

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³⁴ *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.* ³⁵ *By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.* - John 13:34-35

Ministry News

Vacation Bible School is going Virtual!

Join us along the Rocky Railway as we learn how Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through! There is one person we can always rely on and that's Jesus!



Our virtual VBS begins Monday, June 22. We'll have recorded sessions available for viewing. These sessions will include the opening and closing with a song and the Bible Buddy and verse for the day; instructions to make the craft; and the Bible Discovery station. Pre-packaged home kits filled with all your needed supplies will be available for pickup June 13 and 14. (More information about the home kit pickup will be available closer to the event.) Participants may [register electronically](#) now through Friday, June 5. If you have any questions, contact the church office (412-884-3232) or Jeannie Barone (412-901-2514).

We have some awesome volunteers heading up the virtual preparations, but we can still use more help! Assistance is needed with technology, minor decorations, and packing home kits for the families. [Click here to sign-up to volunteer](#). If you have questions about volunteering, contact the church office (412-884-3232) or Jeannie Barone (412-901-2514).

News from local Lutheran affiliates

The Pittsburgh Lutheran is seeking a Layout Editor. This volunteer role requires about 5 hours/month working in Microsoft Publisher to layout and design articles and usually has 10 days to complete this task. All communication is done through email so there are no meetings to attend. This person will work closely the editors, and Zion Bridgeville members, Mary Lou Rilee and Nancy Koester. Contact Mary Lou at Pittsburgh.lutheran.editor@gmail.com with any questions.

Redeemer Lutheran School is seeking prospective nominees for its Board of Directors. Any member of an LCMS church who cares about faith-based education, the ministry at Redeemer and is willing to help guide its work, would be eligible for recommendation. Contact the church [office](#) for additional details.

Pastor Edward Naumann has news to share from Sri Lanka. [Click here](#) to read his Easter-tide 2020 newsletter.

Online Giving

Good Shepherd now has two options for you to donate online: DigiGiv and PayPal.

DigiGiv provides the option to donate via ACH or credit card. **PayPal** provides the option to donate via credit card or your PayPal account. If your donation preference is credit card, we encourage you to utilize PayPal as the transaction processing fees are less.

To donate via PayPal, simply [go to the website](#) and click the **yellow** PayPal “Donate” button. To donate using DigiGiv, [visit the website](#) and click the **purple** “Donate” button. The landing page for DigiGiv is a “Quick Donation” page. As a first time user of the site, click on ‘Sign Up’. Then, walk through the steps to make a one time ACH

donation or to set up a recurring donation.

When donating with either PayPal or DigiGiv, you have the option to select the specific Good Shepherd fund you would like to contribute to including Current and Missions, 51/49, and VBS. If there’s another fund option you’d like to see in the pick-list, [email the office](#) to let us know.

And of course, offerings may always be mailed to the church office or put in the offering plate once we are back worshipping on-site.

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. – 2 Corinthians 9:7

*“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”*

- Psalm 46:10

Christian Publications

Many members and friends enjoy the Christian reading materials delivered to the church. If you would like a copy of the most recent reading materials, contact the church office (412-884-3232). The July-September issue of **Portals of Prayer** is now available. The **LWML Quarterly** Summer magazine and the **Spring** edition of the **The Lutheran Layman** have both arrived. The **Pittsburgh Lutheran**, an online publication, has just come out with its June issue and is accessible by [clicking here](#). Interested in a different publication provided at the church, give us a call and we’ll see what issue is on hand.

Current activities have been postponed, cancelled, or changed to online while future activities may be uncertain due to COVID-19. Worship is currently online. Check the [website](#) for a live calendar and up-to-date information.

June 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3	4	5 <i>Last day to register for Virtual VBS</i>	6
7 <i>Holy Trinity</i>	8	9	10	11	12	13 <i>Virtual VBS Set-up</i>
14 <i>Virtual VBS Set-up</i>	15	16	17	18	19	20 <i>Virtual VBS—Family Box Pickup</i>
21 <i>Virtual VBS—Family Box Pickup</i>	22 <i>Virtual VBS</i>	23 <i>Virtual VBS</i>	24 <i>Virtual VBS</i>	25 <i>Virtual VBS</i>	16 <i>Virtual VBS</i>	27
28	29	30				

June Birthdays

6/1—Luke Barkell

6/3—Colleen Kudis

6/7—Joan Krueger

6/9—Sean Sleeman

6/12—Christopher Wilson

6/15—Robert Hartung

6/15—Cindy Wutzke

6/18—Jennifer Meyer

6/18—Ronald Sheppard

6/19—Mark Barkell

6/20—Aundrea Hoellein

6/20—Maddox Kochanski

6/21—Linda Carver

6/21—Ray Vogel

6/22—Jacob Dunmire

6/25—Caitlin Carver

6/28—Ella Mae Held (100)

6/30—Phyllis Hackbart



June Anniversaries

6/3—Ron and Dot Gerstacker (64)

6/6—Chuck and Diane Johnston (23)

6/10—Donnie and Tori Volland (3)

6/11—Ray and Joneen Betler (43)



*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
- Ephesians 2:10*

Congratulations 2020 Graduates!

Congratulations to all our 2020 Graduates! May the Lord bless you as you venture towards this new journey.

Darryn Sleeman graduates from Baldwin High School. Darryn will attend Chatham University to study Nursing, and she will be playing on their women's lacrosse team.

Sean Thurston graduates from South Park High School. Sean will attend Penn State University at University Park to major in Meteorology / Atmospheric Science.

Tyler Zeman graduates from Baldwin High School. Tyler will attend Waynesburg University as a Sports Announcing Major. Tyler will complete coursework under the direction of Lanny Frattare, the former voice of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

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Prayer Requests for Members, Family and Friends:

Evie Jones, Fred "Butch" Taylor, Ella Mae Held, Dottie Tritsch, Florence Christiansen, David Hesse, Jennifer Meyer, Scott Garretson, Darlene Stocker, Hope Leydig, Dennis Lee, Earl Richards, John Wilson, Sam Langol, Linda, Lorraine S., Barb Hentsch, Melissa Medved, Anne Malone, Dorothy Stubock, David DeBor, Mary Hesse, Gary Cooper, Carolyn Uhlyar, Joan Steigerwald, Norma Mikoleit, Rose Spencer, Mary Jane Forrest, John Simpson, Tillie Koerth, Don Richards, Pam Spechtold, Nancy Edmundson, Rose Marie Koehnke, Joan Uhrinak

Special Prayers

- Peace and comfort for the family and friends of Kathryn Roehlich, Louise Kratz's sister-in-law upon her passing on May 13. Also, for the family and friends of Lillian Pingel, Lou Pingel's aunt, who passed away on May 21. Lillian was 96 years old. She was the wife of Pastor Melvin Pingel who served at Good Shepherd from 1968-1986.
- Relief for those suffering financially, personally, or in business.
- Compassion and understanding of others' fear, anxiety, and frustration as mandated isolation rules ease and freedom of movement begins.