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Good Shepherd Monthly News

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills

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Reopening Good Shepherd

On June 21, Good Shepherd had its first in-person worship service since March 8. 64 people attended this first service back, praising God together and adhering to some new guidelines. These new guidelines were created to provide a safe environment for all, especially the most vulnerable to severe illness from Covid-19—our elderly members and those with underlying medical conditions. Some of the key guidelines include:

- Wearing a mask during the service.
- Humming in place of singing.
- Being escorted out of the service by the ushers, beginning at the back of the church.
- Contributing online or placing offerings in the designated box in the narthex.
- Taking your bulletin home with you or disposing in the garbage.
- Informing the office in advance if you intend to attend Sunday worship.

A full set of guidelines may be found [on the website](#) in the

06.10.2020 reopening letter. As guidelines may change, we will continue to keep you informed.

As we come back to worship and gather in small groups, we ask you to extend grace, patience, and love to your neighbor. Please respect individual decisions and understand that not everyone is on the same page in regards to resuming in-person worship and generally reengaging in society. The enemy would enjoy it if our church became divided and our mission hindered, so let's not give him this pleasure.

Tentatively, Pastor Tim will be back on Sunday, July 5 to lead us in worship and we will have communion on July 5.

If you have any concerns or ideas you would like to share, please speak with your elder or contact the church office (412-884-3232).

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²⁰ *For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.* - Matthew 18:20

Ministry News

It's Time for a New Photo Directory!

To celebrate our church family and strengthen the bond within our congregation, we welcome you to be a part of our upcoming new directory. We need you to make our directory complete!

A new directory:

- Preserves this special time in the life of our church
- Becomes a lasting record of our current membership
- Helps us connect faces with names

We are partnering with Lifetouch for this important project. Lifetouch is providing the directory at no cost to our church. Every family photographed receives a complimentary directory and an 8x10 portrait. You can sign up for photography online [at our church website](#) or call our office (412-884-3232).

PHOTOGRAPHY DATES:

Tuesday, August 11, 2—9 pm

Wednesday, August 12, 2—9 pm

For your convenience, all photography and portrait viewing will take place at our church with no sitting fee. You will have a variety of poses taken and one pose will be selected for the directory. In addition to your complimentary 8x10, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits on the day of your portrait session. Lifetouch's portrait price lists are available in the church office for those who would like them prior to photography.

Your photography session will take about an hour, during which time you will check-in, be photographed and view your portraits.

Lifetouch photographers will be taking extra precautions including such steps as wearing masks, no touch positioning for the photo, and wiping down the stools between sessions.

We are looking forward to seeing you in our directory!



News from local Lutheran affiliates

Concordia Lutheran Ministries has cancelled its Annual Fashion Luncheon. Mark your calendar now for next year's luncheon—Saturday, May 22, 2021

We still have some copies of the **July-September** issue of **Portals of Prayer**. If you would like a copy of this devotional but you can't make it to church to pick it up, contact the office to make arrangements for this devotional to be mailed to you.

Lutheran Marriage Encounter has scheduled a couple of weekends this fall to help you renew and revitalize your marital relationship. Currently scheduled are:

September 18-20 at the Heritage Hotel Lancaster in Lancaster PA and
October 16-18 at the Olmsted Retreat in Ludlow, PA, an hour north of Pittsburgh

Scholarships are available for those in need of financial assistance; simply inquire before registering. Registration is limited. If a weekend is cancelled due to the coronavirus, your registration will be transferred to a later weekend or refunded. Sign-up at the website (www.GodLovesMarriage.org) to ensure your spot. For questions, please contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or fjschamber@comcast.net.

from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. - Ephesians 4:16

We Need You: Seeking Directory Volunteers

For the **new photo directory**, we need your help with possible **volunteer assistance** with activities including contacting families, helping with photography appointment sign-ups, and especially greeting families at our photography event. If you are willing and interested in learning more about how can help, [sign-up here](#) or contact the church office by phone or [email](#).

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Mon

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Sat

			1 7p Narc. Anon.	2 5p Soccer Shots	3 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	4 INDEPEND- ENCE DAY
5 10a Worship with Communion	6 5:30p Soc Shots 7p Boy Scouts	7 6p Scrapbookers	8 7p Narc. Anon	9 5p Soccer Shots	10 7p Plastic Model	11 8a Soccer Shots
12 10a Worship 11:30a Private Baptism	13 5:30p Soc Shots 7p Boy Scouts	14	15 7p Narc. Anon	16 5p Soccer Shots	17	18 8a Soccer Shots
19 10a Worship with Communion	20 5:30p Soc Shots 7p Boy Scouts	21 6p Scrapbookers	22 7p Narc. Anon	23 5p Soccer Shots	24	25 8a Soccer Shots
26 10a Worship 12p Priv. Use of Fellowship Hall	27 5:30p Soc Shots 7p Boy Scouts	28	29 7p Narc. Anon	30 5p Soccer Shots	31 PM Priv. Use of Fellowship Hall	

The Fellowship Hall is open for use again. Before scheduling any ministry onsite meetings, please be sure to check the [website](#) for a live calendar and up-to-date information.

July Birthdays

7/1—Piper Frantz	7/18—Katie Zeman
7/5—Dee Moore	7/19—Marsha Episcopo
7/6—Joneen Betler	7/21—Al Nagy
7/11—Joan Funaiock	7/22—Jennie Zeman
7/12—Lily Winters	7/24—Jeremy Frantz
7/13—Gavin Glasser	7/26—Marcia Colgan
7/15—Ken Meyer	7/28—Walt Meyer
7/15—Sandy Overfield	7/28—Izabella Sebastian
7/16—Maria Ressler	7/29—Susan Davies
7/17—Debbie Malenky	7/30—Leigh Ann Bates



July Anniversaries

7/1—George and Rose Ann Zimmerman (21)
7/6—Scott and Laura Thurston (24)
7/16—Pastor Tim and Pam Bickel (37)
7/18—Mike and Jen Rea (11)
7/25—Walt and Alice Meyer (35)



Online Worship Continues

Even though we are now worshipping in person again, access to Good Shepherd's online worship will continue. Sunday morning worship is being recorded and the online worship will be available on the [website](#) and on [YouTube](#) in the middle of the week following Sunday's worship. Occasional online devotions and announcements will continue as Good Shepherd reaches out to spread the Good News of Jesus. If you are interested in being a part of the team which coordinates the online worship effort, please contact [Jeremy Frantz](#) for more information.

*And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.
- Mark 16:15*

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Prayer Requests for Members, Family and Friends:

Family of Alma Weaver (former member) upon her passing, Family of Pearl Niemetz upon her passing, Ken Meyer, Pastor Tim Bickel, Cindy Wutzke, Ellen Linhart, Patti Theriault, Kristen, Joan Funaiock, 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

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