



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills and Christian Preschool

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WEEKLY TIDINGS: SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 – SEPTEMBER 20, 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.*

24601 – WHO AM I?

24601 identifies a prisoner and a thief in the musical *Les Miserables*. Once freed from prison, **24601** struggles with his own identity. Is he the prisoner and thief known as **24601**, or is he the man, Jean Valjean? Undeserved mercy shown to him by a priest becomes a crucial turning point in Jean's life. Will he continue to live the life of a thief, or will he live as the freed man, Jean Valjean? Jean chooses the path of living a changed life. A *new man* if you will. He chooses a life path of using his "redeemed" life to invest in helping other downcast people.

Jean Valjean was freed from the man-made prison **and** the prison of his own soul. So, freedom sounds like an easy choice, yet memories of the past will revisit Jean Valjean throughout his life. At turning points in his life, he will again and again need to wrestle with the question, "*Who am I?*" Is he **24601**, or is he the new man *Jean Valjean*?

Sound familiar? Can you look back and see dark days in your life? Days where your thoughts, words and actions failed yourself and others? ... And yet you stand as a freed person. Jesus paid the price for your freedom on the cross, and he has offered you a new identity and a new life in His resurrection. So, you have some choices in life. Do you accept the freedom he offers and the new identity that comes with it? And will you actively live out who you are?

The choices sound simple and easy, but remember this. You have an enemy who will challenge both your freedom and your identity. So, hold on to this. You are washed in the blood of Jesus. Imprint His Name upon your heart, soul and mind. You are His and your identity is in Him. And in Him you always have the answer to the question, "*Who am I?*"

Beginning mid-October through Thanksgiving we will be visiting the question, "*Who am I?*" Our Worship and Life Groups will *gather around* that ever-important question. "**Being**" will be our theme. We ask the Spirit of Jesus to reveal ever more vividly to us the answer to the "*Who am I?*"

Be blessed and *live* blessed,
 Pastor Tim

RECENT PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MEMBERS, FAMILY & FRIENDS: Ellen Linhart, Jennifer Meyer

****New prayer requests may be given to the office or [submitted electronically](#).****

****The many members, family and friends with long-term prayer needs will be listed in the Monthly Newsletter.****

ON THE CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK:

Sunday, 9/13	10a	Worship Service
Monday, 9/14	5p	Soccer Shots
	7p	Boy Scouts
Tuesday, 9/15	6p	Scrapbookers
Wednesday, 9/16	7:30p	Narcotics Anonymous
Thursday, 9/17	5p	Soccer Shots
Friday, 9/18		
Saturday, 9/19	9:15a	Soccer Shots
Sunday, 9/20	10a	Worship Service with Communion

Checkout the website for a 'live' calendar: <https://goodshepherdpittsburgh.org/good-shepherd-events-2/>

LAST WEEK (9/6/2020) AT GOOD SHEPHERD: OFFERING: \$2,609.00 ATTENDANCE: 44

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

Assisting Elder:		Ray Vogel
Usher:		Tim Marcovecchio
Worship Tech:		Jeremy Frantz
Counters:		Lou and Lynn Pingel
Altar Guild:	Louise Kratz, Arlene Stroebel, Kim Ressler, Darlene Stocker, Chris Vogel	

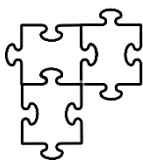


CHANCEL FLOWERS are placed to the Glory of God by the Moore family in memory of Patrick Moore.

GOOD SHEPHERD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Good Shepherd worship is now streaming LIVE on Sunday mornings via our YouTube Channel! [Click here](#) on Sunday mornings at 10am (EST) to watch the live service. [Subscribe to our YouTube Channel](#) to receive automatic notifications when we schedule the live services or when new videos are uploaded to our channel. Livestreaming can also be accessed via the Good Shepherd website. Click the button for LIVE WORSHIP on our [Online Worship](#) page on Sundays at 10am. **Thanks to everyone who has helped to make livestreaming a reality.**

Good Shepherd is considering restarting Sunday School and Adult Discovery Time as well as re-engaging Life Groups, and we want your input. Please complete a short survey by [clicking on this link](#). The survey will be open through Tuesday, September 15. If you have questions or need a paper copy, please contact the church office.



Do you have a heart for missions? Is group facilitation your strength? Are you passionate about photography? Are you skilled in audio/visual equipment and software? **Visit the [Get Connected](#) page on our website and check out the various areas available to serve within Good Shepherd.** Find your fit and then fill out the designated form at the bottom of that webpage to share with us your interests. We'll then get you connected with the leader in that ministry area.



Need a break from cooking at home? Dine-in or take-out at **Eat 'n Park** with a **gift card** purchased from the LWML. A percentage of your purchase benefits the LWML as they raise funds to support missions near and far and to make improvements to Good Shepherd's kitchen. Gift cards are available from Ruth Johnson.

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/>

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Ministries (PALM) is holding its annual meeting on Sunday, September 20 at First Trinity Evangelical-Lutheran Church, 535 N. Neville Street, Pittsburgh. Good Shepherd is entitled to 3 delegates (2 lay members and a professional church worker). Prayerfully consider representing Good Shepherd as a delegate. If you feel called or have questions about being a delegate, contact the church office (412-884-3232).

Concordia Lutheran Ministries canceled its Oktoberfest, but the fireworks show is still on! The community is invited to watch from the parking lots behind the Lund Care Center, 134 Marwood Road, Cabot, PA 16023 on Saturday, October 3, 7:45 pm. Cars will be parked in every other spot so spectators may get out of their vehicles to enjoy the show. Once the parking spots are full, the entrance will be closed. The event is weather permitting and guests are asked to arrive between 6:30 and 7:30 pm.

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