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Moving Forward

We are saddened by Pastor Tim’s announcement to go on disability and move to Michigan. But, we praise the Lord for his years of service and how he blessed Good Shepherd’s ministry. So many exciting things happened during Pastor Tim’s 3 1/2 years at Good Shepherd—monitors went up in the sanctuary; we are recording the worship service, even live streaming it; we are reaching out into the community more in conjunction with our journey through Missional Pathway; we are meeting in homes (and now online) to gather for Bible study and to share life with one another. There is forward momentum.

Good Shepherd’s Council and Elders are uniting in leadership to make the necessary decisions. Our President, Scott Thurston, appointed Ray Betler as Vice President and Tim Marcovecchio as Elder to fill those vacant positions.

The pastors at St. Luke in Cabot are offering to provide support to

Good Shepherd. Ray Vogel, the Elder Chairman, has already reached out to initiate conversations about what the support will look like.

The Reopening Committee and Preschool Board continue to meet and assess the impact of Covid on ‘normal business activities,’ recommending adjustments as needed.

Last month, we asked you to take a survey to get your input on restarting Sunday School, Adult Bible Class and Life Groups. Good Shepherd leadership heard the desire to start these groups up again, and discussions are happening to determine the best implementation.

Though the future may seem unclear temporarily, may our faith give us the confidence in the plan God has for Good Shepherd.

So we thank Pastor Tim for his ministry and direction provided to Good Shepherd. We pray for

Pastor Tim and Pam and their life changes. We pray for our church leaders as they continue to progress the congregation forward.

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Ministry News

Pastoral Care in our Vacancy

Pastor Tim begins his disability on October 1st. As Good Shepherd begins the vacancy process, you may be wondering what do I do when I need pastoral care?

As brothers and sisters in Christ, we are there for one another in joy and in sorrow. This does not change. Reach out to your fellow believers. Care for one another. Pray for one another. Love one another. When more is needed and your reaction is to call Pastor, now what do you do? Reach out to an Elder or the Congregation President. The Elders are the spiritual advisors of the congregation. If a pastor is needed, the Elder Chairman will reach out to a local pastor.

The contact information for Good Shepherd's President and current Elders:

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Good Shepherd continues to move forward, and we will continue to provide the spiritual support needed for our members and friends, so continue to reach out for pastoral care.

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. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." - John 13:34-35

Our Sunday morning worship is being live streamed.

[Click here](#) Sundays at 10am to join us in worship. A recording of the service continues to be made available midweek.

A Ministry Celebration for Pastor Tim

Following the 10 am worship service on Sunday, October 25th, join us in a celebration for Pastor Tim. We'll recognize Pastor Tim for his 22 years of faithful service in the ministry, including his 3 1/2 years of devoted service to Good Shepherd. This will be a socially distanced event taking place outdoors and in the Fellowship Hall. Individually prepared food items will be served, and masks are required.

If you are considering coming to this special event, please RSVP to the church office via phone or [email](#) by October 21st. You may also [sign-up electronically here](#). This will help us with planning purposes for food preparations and to ensure adequate social distancing at the event.

Prior to the celebration, join us in worship (in-person or live stream) when Rev. Chris Wicher, LCMS Eastern District President, will be preaching.

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. - Philippians 1:6

All Saints' Sunday—November 1

We will observe All Saints' Day on Sunday, November 1st. You may submit a name(s) of whom you would like to be remembered . The names will be listed in the bulletin and placed on a banner. Forms will be available in the narthex or you may complete the form electronically by [clicking here](#). Please submit names to the church office by Sunday, October 25th.

You may also give a memorial gift in memory of your loved one(s). These memorial donations are designated for seasonal decorations for the church. Checks may be made payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and mailed to the church office or placed in the offering box. Place the memorial gift in an envelope and label it "Saints' Day Memorial-Seasonal Decorations." The donation may also be given online by choosing Fund #604, Decorating Fund. [Click here](#) to go to the online giving page of our website.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. - Hebrews 12:1-2

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Sun

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Tue

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Fri

Sat

				1 <i>5p Soccer Shots</i>	2 <i>7p Plastic Model Society</i>	3 <i>9:15a Soccer Shots</i>
4 <i>10a Worship with Communion</i>	5 <i>5p Soc Shots 7p Boy Scouts</i>	6 <i>6p Scrapbookers 7p Council & Elders-Sanctuary</i>	7 <i>7:30p Narc. Anon</i>	8 <i>5p Soccer Shots</i>	9	10 <i>9:15a Soccer Shots</i>
11 <i>10a Worship</i>	12 <i>5p Soc Shots 7p Boy Scouts</i>	13	14 <i>7:30p Narc. Anon</i>	15 <i>5p Soccer Shots</i>	16	17 <i>9:15a Soccer Shots</i>
18 <i>10a Worship with Communion</i>	19 <i>5p Soc Shots 7p Boy Scouts</i>	20 <i>6p Scrapbookers</i>	21 <i>7:30p Narc. Anon</i>	22 <i>5p Soccer Shots</i>	23 <i>5p Soccer Shots Make-up</i>	24 <i>9:15a Soccer Shots Celebration Setup</i>
25 <i>10a Worship 11a Celebration for Pastor Tim</i>	26 <i>5p Soc Shots 7p Boy Scouts</i>	27	28 <i>7:30p Narc. Anon</i>	29 <i>5p Soccer Shots</i>	30 <i>5p Soccer Shots Make-up</i>	31 <i>9:15a Soccer Shots</i>

October Birthdays

10/2—Bill Scharritter

10/4—Arlene Stroebel

10/5—Sandy Marcovecchio

10/5—Lukas Sleeman

10/6—Jean Barone

10/6—Josh Barone

10/7—Jackie Kramer

10/10—Dan Yasko

10/10—Megan Young

10/11—Easton Flinn

10/11—Mike Ressler

10/12—Dottie Tritsch

10/14—Aaron Zeman

10/18—Donna McCoy

10/18—Don Richards

10/18—Gail Snyder



10/20—Joann Barr

10/29—Lou Pingel

10/30—Laurie Coleman

October Anniversaries

10/8—Darrell and Nikki Kochanski (9)

10/14—Jack and Cheryl Sincek (42)

10/15—Mike and Nikki Yakemowicz (16)



St. Luke Cabot: A Surprise for Pastor Barry

Pastor Barry J. Keurulainen, from St. Luke Lutheran Church & School in Cabot, PA, will be retiring on November 15, 2020. Pastor Barry has preached at Good Shepherd several times. St. Luke's congregation would like to surprise him with an overabundance of handwritten letters at his last service in honoring his ministry of over 40 years. If you would like to participate, please share a memory or your well wishes in a letter and mail it to St. Luke Lutheran Church and School, 330 Hannahstown Road, Cabot, PA 16023. RE: PB Farewell. The deadline for these letters is November 9, 2020.

If you are receiving this newsletter in your home mailbox, consider giving us an email address, and you'll receive the newsletter more quickly each month. And just a reminder, the monthly newsletter and weekly tidings can be viewed on the website at: <https://www.goodshepherdpittsburgh.org/news-to-note/>.

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Prayer Requests for Members, Family and Friends:

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

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