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Reopening Update

The Reopening Committee remains in place and most recently focused its efforts on reopening the Preschool. Meetings were held with the Council and Elders, followed by a Meeting with the Preschool Board, Preschool Director, Preschool Teachers, Reopening Committee, Good Shepherd Council and led by Scott Thurston; Good Shepherd's President. Consideration was given to the question of whether to reopen the Preschool prior to January 2021 as previously decided. After much discussion and deliberation, it was decided to proceed with opening the Preschool on October 19th. This was largely a vote of support respecting the desires, courage and recommendation of Ashley Miller, Preschool Director and the Preschool Teachers. We commend them on their interest and commitment to the Preschool Students and their Families. Please keep them all in your Prayers. A special thanks to Ken Meyer, Sandy Marcovecchio and Ray Vogel for preparing the Preschool Facility to reopen.

The Reopening Committee also has had several discussions about when to reopen Sunday School; and, sepa-

rately, when to begin Life Groups. Again, after much debate and deliberation, we have decided to wait until the beginning of the New Year to do so. The rationale is based on the retirement of Pastor Bickel and the fact that the burden of re-engaging these initiatives would fall on the same people who are supporting Pastor Tim's departure and transition to a Lay Leader Congregation in the Interim until a new Pastor is Called.

We continue to monitor the safety and progress of our Congregation. We will progressively make positive changes when deemed appropriate. For instance, we now invite everyone to sing every Hymn during Sunday Services; a practice started with the October 25th Service dedicated to Pastor Tim Bickel & Pam and their Family.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Betler,
Good Shepherd Vice President &
Head of the Reopening Committee

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Ministry News

Sunday Worship and Looking Ahead to Christmas

During Good Shepherd's vacancy, we continue to worship together on Sunday mornings at 10am. The weeks we have communion will vary, so review the calendar on page 4 to see when we'll have communion next. Masks are still required. We are currently singing during worship

Occasionally, we will have a guest pastor leading our worship and preaching. Other weeks, we will have a member preach or we'll watch a pre-recorded message from a pastor. Technology provides new opportunities, and we have several pastors who have granted us permission to access their video recordings to provide the sermon for our service. Check out the Worship Schedule under the calendar on page 4 to see who is providing the sermon each Sunday in November.

We are also beginning to plan for our Christmas worship. We invite your input through our survey form. Let us know your thoughts on how you might join us for these special services. This is not a formal sign-up to attend Christmas worship, it is simply a mechanism to gauge interest and estimate attendance numbers. Please [click on this link](#) to access the online survey. The survey will be open through Tuesday, November 10. If you have questions or need a paper copy, please contact the church office.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. - Colossians 3:16 (ESV)

Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettias to beautify the altar at Christmas may be ordered through Sunday, November 15. Colors include red, white, or marble. The cost is \$10 each. Checks are made payable to: *Altar Guild, Good Shepherd*. Order forms are available in the narthex or [click here](#) to complete your order electronically. Return forms and payment to the office or to an altar guild member by November 15.

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.

Ministry Partners

Covid-19 continues to impact the lives of many, some of whom are struggling for the first time. The **Cloverleaf Area Ecumenical Assistance Program (CAEAP)**, a local food bank housed at St. Elizabeth's on Route 51, provides food distribution every other week on Tuesday mornings. Good Shepherd continues to collect donations of non-perishable food items for the food bank. Collection boxes may be found in the office hallway area. Joann Barr has graciously taken on the task of delivering our donations to the food bank. Thanks Joann for your outreach service!

November brings Thanksgiving. As you make plans for your gathering, large or small, **Light of Life Ministries** is also planning how best to serve the homeless and struggling. You can help by donating:

- Canned goods and other pantry items to include in their Thanksgiving Boxes
- Cold weather items - coats (Men L-5X and Women M-3X), socks, and longjohns to pass on to clients
- Time - volunteers are always needed to serve meals (breakfast or dinner) and help with sorting at the Donation Center.

Donation boxes will be available at the church until November 9. If you have any questions, contact Kim Ressler. Please keep this ministry partner in your prayers. Thank you!

Shop with AmazonSmile, Support Good Shepherd

Good Shepherd participates in the Amazon Smile program. Whenever you shop on Amazon, remember to login to your account via **Amazon Smile** to have 0.5% of your eligible purchases donated to Good Shepherd. [Click here](#) to shop for gifts at AmazonSmile to generate donations for **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills**. Browse and shop like you normally do, and Amazon will donate 0.5% to our church every time you shop.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your father in heaven. - Matthew 5:16 (ESV)

Preschool Notes

The Preschool opened on October 19. It's great to see the children's smiling faces in the halls. Two fundraisers are currently in process.

- **Sarris Candy** may be purchased online through Nov. 21 (www.sarriscandiesfundraising.com; select 'online ordering; select 'products' and click on a category for shopping; enter the group id: 10-0940; orders are paid online and shipped directly to your home.) Or, review the candy selection and place your order on the form available in the narthex. Paper order and payment may be turned into the church office through Sunday, Nov 22, and then candy is delivered to the church on Mon., Dec. 14
- **2021 Enjoy Coupon Books** are being sold through December 31st. \$30/book; available in the church office.

Checks for Preschool Fundraisers are payable to: *Good Shepherd Christian Preschool.*

Be sure to check goodshepherdpittsburgh.org for a live calendar and up-to-date information.

November 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 10a Worship- All Saints' Day 3p Soccer Shots Make-up ****	2 7p Boy Scouts	3 6p Scrapbookers	4 7:30p Narc Anon	5 5p Soccer Shots	6 7p Plastic Model Society	7 9:15a Soccer Shots
8 10a Worship	9 7p Boy Scouts	10	11 7:30p Narc Anon	12 5p Soccer Shots	13	14 9:15a Soccer Shots
15 10a Worship	16 7p Boy Scouts	17 6p Scrapbookers	18 7:30p Narc Anon	19 5p Soccer Shots	20	21 9:15a Soccer Shots
22 10a Worship	23 7p Boy Scouts	24	25 7:30p Narc Anon	26 Thanksgiving Day Church Office Closed	27 Preschool Break: 11/26-11/30	28
29 10a Worship with communion 1st Sun-Advent	30 7p Boy Scouts					

Worship Sermon Schedule:

- 11/1—Live sermon by member Ray Betler
- 11/8—Pre-recorded sermon by Rev. Joel Meyer, son of Ken and Jennifer Meyer
- 11/15—Pre-recorded sermon by Rev. Sean Walters, Christ Lutheran, New Castle, PA
- 11/22—Pre-recorded sermon by Rev. Joel Christiansen, brother of Joan Krueger
- 11/29— Live sermon by guest preacher Rev. Ben Berteau, St. Luke Lutheran, Cabot, PA

****Daylight Saving Time Ends—Move Clocks Back 1 Hour

November Birthdays

11/1—Becca Rodriguez	11/15—Donna Dunmire
11/3—Christina Meyer	11/19—Hollie Ulanowicz
11/9—Logan Frantz	11/22—Eric Hoellein
11/10—Glenn Coleman	11/22—Everly Kochanski
11/10—Ashley Winters	11/25—Mary Jane Forrest
11/12—Larry Winker	11/26—John Simpson
11/14—Anna Meyer	11/28—Ray Betler
11/14—Jordyn Moore-Gray	11/29—Alice Meyer



November Anniversaries

11/1—Art and Debbie Malenky (45)	11/24—Bob and Kari Sawchak (19)
11/13—Rick and Cindy Geis (27)	11/25—Mike and Kim Ressler (31)
11/18—Larry and Rita Winker (42)	11/30—Ed and Susan Davies (41)
11/24—Michael and Georgia Nader (25)	



From the Kitchen

Here is the delicious **Mini Frittata** recipe provided by Kim Ressler baked for Pastor Tim and Pam's ministry celebration:

Cooking spray or 2 tablespoons butter
12 large eggs
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1/2 pound deli ham, chopped into small pieces
1 cup fresh baby spinach, roughly chopped

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Spray 12 muffin cups with non-stick cooking spray, or brush with melted butter.
3. Divide ham and spinach evenly between the 12 muffin tins.
4. In a bowl, whisk eggs and season with salt and pepper. Mix until well combined. (If you do this in a large measuring cup, the eggs will be easy to pour.) Add the egg mixture to the muffin cups, filling each tin to about 3/4 full. Sprinkle cheddar cheese on top.
5. Bake the frittatas for about 20 minutes, until puffed and lightly browned on top. If you insert a toothpick in the middle, they should feel firm. Cool for 5 minutes, remove with a small sharp knife onto a plate to cool.
6. Egg muffins may be stored in the refrigerator for up to 4 days or they may be frozen. If you plan to store for later, let cool completely before putting into airtight containers or zip-lock bags.

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Prayer Requests for Members, Family and Friends:

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(or, go to YouTube and search for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills)

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