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Good Shepherd Monthly News

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills

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Welcome Fall 2021!

This has been a year of “re-starts.” Covid shut down many church-related events in 2020, but slowly Good Shepherd has begun to re-engage in activities, adapting to the personal health and mental needs of our members and community. THANK YOU to EVERYONE who helped make the picnic a success! THANK YOU to EVERYONE who is helping with worship, Sunday School, and Adult Bible Class! THANK YOU to EVERYONE who is reaching out to their neighbors with a friendly phone call or visit just to say ‘hello’ and check-in! Looking back, we took so much for granted. Now, we cherish our worship and fellowship opportunities with new insight and increased gratefulness.

Pastor Barry Keurulainen continues to serve Good Shepherd in our vacancy, and we sincerely thank him for his time, guidance, and wisdom. We continue to trust and pray the Lord would show us who He has in mind to be our next Pastor. The Call Committee continues to communicate with Pastor Phil Schultz as he prays and deliberates on the call we have extended to him.

The Preschool is back in session with classes every day, morning and afternoon. Family activities are being planned; watch for announcements about the events.

Our journey through the Missional Pathway with Gary Janetzke resumes on October 24th. So much has changed in the last 18 months, we’ll engage in ReAssess, before moving to Advance on November 14th.

As we approach the end of 2021, watch for more events to come back after skipping a year. These opportunities are made possible because of the leaders and volunteers at Good Shepherd. Let us give thanks and praise for all the gifts the Lord has bestowed on the Good Shepherd family.

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As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace. – 1 Peter 4:10

Ministry News

Sunday School Notes

Sunday School curriculum for this year is called **Digging Into Foundations of Faith**. Our Bible verse theme is **Ephesians 2:10**: *“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do good things he planned for us long ago.”*

Our Sunday School Team for 2021-2022:

Preschool-Grade 2: Hannah Thurston (teacher)
Laurie Coleman (assistant)
Grades 3-6: Jean Barone (teacher)
Confirmation Grades 7-8: Ken Meyer (teacher)
Larry Winker (substitute)
Substitutes: Stephanie Watkins and Hollie Ulanowicz
High School: Amy Frantz

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time and gifts to the children of our congregation!

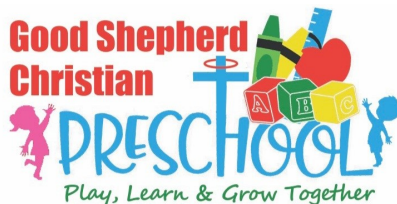
Laura Thurston, Sunday School Superintendent

*But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven. —
Mathew 19:14*

Preschool Notes

Fall Festival

EVERYONE IS INVITED to attend the **Fall Festival on Saturday, October 2nd, 12-3pm** in the church parking lot. (Parking for the event will be at the church next door.) There will be games, a train ride, face painting, music and plenty of food! Individual wristbands will be sold for \$10 each. Wristbands include the train ride, face painting and games. Wristbands may be purchased at the festival or reserved in advance by [emailing the Preschool](#). Food available for purchase includes hot dogs, hamburgers, chili with cornbread, chips, beverages, baked goods and a hot chocolate bar. Come join us for an afternoon of fun, rain or shine!



New Logo

The Preschool has a new logo! Thanks to Ashley Miller, Preschool Director and the Board; it looks great!

Ladies' Ministry

LWML Sunday

The first Sunday in October is traditionally set aside to observe LWML Sunday. Join us October 3 as we celebrate and recognize the mission of LWML.

Four Seasons Event

The LWML will hold its annual **Four Seasons event** on **Saturday, November 6th** beginning at **12pm**. Each table will be decorated with a theme for one of the four seasons. We'll have lunch, a basket raffle, and a 50/50 drawing. The cost to attend is \$10 which includes lunch. The menu will be tomato basil pasta, rolls, and a variety of desserts. See Jeannie Barone to purchase tickets in advance. All are welcome to attend.



I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. — Psalm 139:14

October Birthdays

10/2—Bill Scharritter

10/4—Arlene Stroebe

10/4—Stephanie Watkins

10/5—Sandy Marcovecchio

10/5—Lukas Sleeman

10/6—Jean Barone

10/6—Josh Barone

10/7—Jackie Kramer

10/9—Sofia Kramer

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 (10)

10/14—Jack and Cheryl Sincek (43)

10/15—Mike and Nikki Yakemowicz (17)



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

October 2021

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Worship Sermon Schedule:

10/3—Pastor Barry Keurulainen
10/10—Pastor Barry Keurulainen
10/17—To Be Determined
10/24—Pastor Ben Berteau
10/31—Pastor Barry Keurulainen

1

7p Plastic Model Society

2

9:15a Soccer Shots
12p Preschool Fall Festival

3

9a SS/Bible Class
10:15a Worship w/ Communion

4

5p Soccer Shots
7p Boy Scouts

5

6p Scrapbookers

6

7:30p Narc Anon

7

5p Soccer Shots

8

9

9:15a Soccer Shots

10

9a SS/Bible Class
10:15a Worship w/ Communion
12p Private Use FH

11

No Pre-school
5p Soccer Shots
7p Boy Scouts
7p Council

12

13

7:30p Narc Anon

14

5p Soccer Shots

15

16

9:15a Soccer Shots

17

9a SS/Bible Class
10:15a Worship

18

5p Soc Shots
7p Boy Scouts

19

Articles Due - November Newsletter
6p Scrapbookers
7p Elders Mtg

20

7:30p Narc Anon

21

5p Soccer Shots

22

23

9:15a Soccer Shots

24 / 31

9a SS/Bible Class
10:15a Worship w/ Communion

25

5p Soccer Shots
7p Boy Scouts

26

5:30p Millers' Moments

27

7:30p Narc Anon

28

5p Soccer Shots

29

30

9:15a Soccer Shots Make-up

Sunday morning worship continues in-person and it is also being live streamed.

[Click here](#) Sundays to join us in worship via our YouTube Channel.

Complete the [Online Worship Fellowship Record](#) to let us know you have joined.

All Saints' Sunday—November 7

We will be observing All Saints' Day on Sunday, November 7th. You will be able to submit a name(s) whom you would like to have remembered. The names will be listed in the bulletin and placed on a banner. Memorial gifts may also be given in memory of your loved one(s). These memorial donations will be designated for seasonal decorations for the church. Forms will be available in the narthex and online beginning October 10th, and the deadline for submission will be Sunday, October 31st.

Being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son. - Colossians 1:11-13

Area News and Fellowship Opportunities

PALM Reformation Saturday Hayride

Concordia Brentwood has organized a hayride at Simmons Farm, 170 Simmons Road, McMurray, 15317, on Saturday, October 30, 6-8pm for Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Churches. Cost to attend is \$11/person. To reserve a spot with the group, call Concordia at 412-881-3005.

2021 Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Church Reformation Vespers

Everyone is invited to this to attend on Sunday, October 31 at 3pm at First Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 531 N. Neville Street, Pittsburgh, 15213. The special guest Preacher is Rev. Dr. Jamison Hardy, President and Bishop of the English District of the LCMS. Hors D'Ouvers and a Dessert Reception.

Concordia Lutheran Ministries

.... is hosting a Fall Fashion Fundraiser Luncheon on Saturday, October 23 beginning at 10am at Butler Country Club. The cost is \$40/person. Advanced registration is required.

.... is searching for employees interested in working at one of their 15 locations in Western PA. Benefits of working at Concordia include premium wages, faith-based organization, bonuses, rich retirement plan, employee-centric benefits, flexible scheduling, tuition assistance and career growth.

2021 Himalayan Cultural Exhibition and Food Festival

All are welcome to attend on October 30 & 31, 10am—5pm, at South Park-Edgebrook Field, 2372 Corrigan Drive, South Park Township, 15129. Experience cultural exhibitions and live performances. Himalayan cuisine from local Nepali restaurants, Himalayan Handicrafts, and Himalayan clothing and jewelry will be available for purchase.

Additional details for all opportunities may be found on posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

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Prayer Requests for Members, Family and Friends:

Karen, Sara, Ted, Rob, Mike Brennan, Jim Stocker, Rose Ann Zimmerman, Erika Similo, Dana McNulty, Jan Kleiser, Sherri, Betsy Thurston, Lisa Brady, Lou Pingel, Don Matthews, Phyllis, Don Richards, Pastor Tim, Debbie Volland, Tiffany, Jennifer Meyer, Earl and Mary Jane Richards, Mary Jane Forrest, Evie Jones, Fred "Butch" Taylor, Dottie Tritsch, Florence Christiansen, Scott Garretson, Hope Leydig, Dennis Lee, John Wilson, Sam Langol, Linda, Barb Hentsch, Melissa Medved, Anne Malone, Gary Cooper, Carolyn Uhlyar, Joan Steigerwald, Norma Mikoleit, Rose Spencer, John Simpson, Tillie Koerth, Pam Spechtold, Rose Marie Koehnke, Joan Uhrinak

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