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Newsletter



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President's Corner

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As I sat down to write my first newsletter message as your congregational president, it hit me: I was elected to serve as your congregational president. Yikes! Wow! Oh, my... I have received wonderful messages from so many of you, and I am determined to serve you as best I can, to earn the trust that you have placed with me. But I am also a bit overwhelmed. Good Shepherd has never had a woman serve in this position before. My term follows that of a most faithful and wise leader, a man who had a vision and worked tirelessly to bring it to fruition. (And I will be leaning on you, Ray, in the months to come.) So, I turned to the Psalms. This is a book that I never really delved deeply into before this past year when I participated in a women's study. And then when this summer's VBS memory verses were all from Psalms, it seemed that God was telling me I was not done with spending time in the Psalms yet! So, as I get ready for this challenge, this opportunity, this adventure, I will turn to this collection of prayer and song once more:

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*You make known to me the path of life;
 you will fill me with joy in your presence,
 with eternal pleasures at your right hand” (Psalm 16:11)*

How better can I enter into this new assignment? How better can we as a congregation enter into our next year? How better can we each approach all that we will face in this year and the next? Serving longtime members and ministering to new people. Seeking our place in the ministry of the LCMS and ministering to the South Hills of Pittsburgh. Remembering our sixty-year history of inspiring pastors and lay leaders while we pray for our next pastor. Let's all move forward trusting in God to show us the way we should serve each other and our community. Let's all move forward with joy. Let's all move forward with confidence that God does have a plan for us here. I am excited and curious about what is to come! Join me on this path.

In love, Kim Ressler

I do need your help. Consider what you can do:

- Not all of the offices were filled at our last election, particularly Elder. Can you serve?
- We have wonderful volunteers who take care of the building and property, inside and out. Can you join us for a few hours on the upcoming workdays? Perhaps you can even adopt a patch of garden, or a corner of the church building.
- And finally, each week you have been receiving a Monday Moment email (and if you haven't, give your email address to the office today!). I have been writing these short devotions for a few years now, and I have learned and grown so much in their creation. But I am also wondering if you have an idea for a message, if you have a nugget to share. I will gladly continue to serve as editor each week, but I will also gladly pass this duty any week when you are willing to write some thoughts. Can you try something new?

July 2026

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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 5p Soccer Shots GSLC Office Closed	3 GSLC Office Closed	4 Independence Day
5 10:15a Sunday Worship (video sermon by Pastor Barry) 12:30p BPFC	6 7p Boy Scouts	7 6p Scrapbooking	8	9 5p Soccer Shots	10 GSLC Office Closed 7p IPMS	11 9a Soccer Shots 9am Private use of Fellowship Hall 9am Work Day to move furniture out of Preschool rooms
12 9:30a FLYC Coffee & Donuts 10:15a Sunday Worship with Communion 12:30p BPFC	13 7p Boy Scouts	14	15	16 5p Soccer Shots	17 GSLC Office Closed	18 9a Soccer Shots
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26 10:15a Sunday Worship (video sermon by Pastor Barry) 12:30p BPFC	27 7p Boy Scouts	28	29 5p Cub Scouts Planning meeting	30 5p Soccer Shots	31 GSLC Office Closed	

BPFC – Pgh Nepali Church
 DEN – Cub Scouts
 Events in green are Good Shepherd Events
 Events in purple are Preschool Events

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

7/1 – Piper Frantz

7/2 – Mackenzie Chioda

7/3 – Devera Hoblak

7/5 – Dee Moore

7/5 – Marion Ott

7/6 – Joneen Betler

7/6 – Eric Hoblak

7/12 – Ron Dunmire

7/12 – Lily Winters

7/13 – Gavin Glasser

7/15 – Ken Meyer

7/15 – Sandy Overfield

7/16 – Maria Ressler

7/17 – Debbie Malenky

7/18 – Katie Zeman

7/19 – Daniel Watkins

7/21 – Al Nagy

7/22 – Jennie Zeman

7/24 – Jeremy Frantz

7/28 – Walt Meyer

7/29 – Susan Davies



Anniversaries

7/1 – George & Rose Ann Zimmerman (27)

7/6 – Scott & Laura Thurston (30)

7/25 – Walt & Alice Meyer (41)



Call Committee Update

The Call Committee recently met over Zoom with four new candidates. Through prayer and discussion, we will determine what steps to take next with each of them. Please continue to pray for the members of the committee as they try to discern God's plan for Good Shepherd's next pastor. And please pray for the men on the candidate list as they consider possible changes to their ministry.- Kim Ressler, Committee Chair

FLYC Announcements

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the fire pit in June. The s'mores were delicious!



Please join us for our next fellowship event on Sunday July 12 at 9:30AM. The Family Life and Youth Committee will provide donuts, coffee and iced coffee before the service that morning.

Vacation Bible School Announcements

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make VBS a success. Thank you to the congregation for your donations and prayers. Your support is truly appreciated.

Get ready for next year! The theme will be
"Crave: Stirring up a hunger for Jesus".
Save the date for next year: June 21st-25th 2027



Prayer Requests:

Rachel Schaar, Cathy Cerminara, Karen Miller, Marian Maskow, Rev. Daniel Strussenberg, Cathy Sayre, Sarah Brooks, Peter Way, Carol DeAngelis, Larry Winker, Mike Brennan, Erika Similo, Jan Kleiser, Lisa Brady, Don Matthews, Pastor Tim, Tiffany, Mary Jane Forrest, Hope Leydig, Dennis Lee, Sam Langol, Melissa Medved, Anne Malone, Gary Cooper, Carolyn Uhlyar, Norma Mikoleit, Joan Uhrinak, Arlene Stroebel, Bebe Bair, Iris and Steve Wutzke, Alice Meyer, Nancy Wauthier, Zack, Michele Mulick, Mourice Williams, Dr. Bruce Bickel, Jay, Jake Herring, Carol Archer, Sean Sleeman, Ron Gerstacker, Phyllis Hackbart, Jared Lubawski, Kaiden, Kaylee, Jenny Peterson, Leila Wood



“Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits – who forgives all your sins and heals all you diseases” -Psalm 103:2-3

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