

September 2026 Newsletter

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills



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From the Pastor's Desk

"Re-starts and New Beginnings"

It's that time of the year! School has or will shortly start ... including our Preschool. Our daughters and sons are off to college. The Church experiences people coming back after a summer hiatus. Old friends, new friends, and new beginnings are part of the norm. We have been here before, but it is still exciting to start again.

Our Christian faith closely resembles those re-starts and new beginnings. We all share in the reality, excitement, and power of forgiveness.

The life, death, resurrection, and empowerment of the Holy Spirit of Jesus that give to us all the forgiveness of sins we so desperately need, show us what re-starts and new beginnings are all about. "Create in me a clean heart, o God Then I will teach others Your ways." When we are forgiven our sins through Jesus, new beginnings can take place. We are a new creation with the old passing away! It is Jesus that makes that possible.... Not us.

Despair is changed into hope!
Hate is turned into love!
Mistrust is turned into trust!
Fear is turned into courage!
Shame is turned into confidence!
Death is turned into life ... Eternal!

All because of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Re-starts and new beginnings can be scary. The uncertainty of what is next gives the unknown undeserved and unwarranted power. The resurrection power of our Lord dispels that fear and comforts us with His love and mercy. We are called each and every day to live in that love, mercy, and power that only Jesus can give.

I am looking forward to our re-starts and new beginnings together in Jesus. There is no better place to be than His wonderfully glorious journey together!

Peace and Joy!
I am David Weeks – Your new Vacancy Pastor.

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President's Corner

I learned this week about a man who takes daily walks in my neighborhood. One stretch of road is wooded, and it bothered him that there was so much litter amongst the trees. So he began picking up one piece of trash each day: a discarded water bottle, a soda can, a hamburger wrapper. Just one item. And that area is looking better! What if everyone who walks by stooped down to pick up a piece of trash? Big things can happen when one person starts with one small thing.

Many of you do those small things (and some truly monumental things) often. The two work days we recently held inside and outside the building showed that. Those working tirelessly to prepare the building for Preschool and SHIM's after-school program certainly showed that as well. Many thanks to all who contributed! But there are always other small things that can be done to further Good Shepherd's ministries and to spread God's love in our community. Does anything pique your interest?

Do you think that Good Shepherd needs to be more welcoming? Then greet someone this Sunday that you do not know or do not usually speak to. Do you think that it would be nice if different faces served as readers or ushers or counters or on Altar Guild? If you are not involved, consider trying it. Or if you are already serving, ask someone new to accompany you. Do you have a heart for the homebound? Make one phone call this week to someone you miss seeing in the pews with you. Do you wish that you spent more time in Bible study? Start reading just one Bible verse each day and praying on it. And consider joining in our Bible hour each Sunday, resuming Sept. 20 at 9:00am. If we all did one small thing, what greatness is ahead!

Your Sister in Christ - Kim Ressler

And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all seeds on the earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." (Mark 4:30-32)

September 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 6p Scrapbooking	2 Elder's Meeting 5p, 5:30p, 6p, 6:30p, 7 Preschool Meet the Teacher	3 5p Soccer Shots 5:30p, 6:30p Preschool Meet the Teacher	4 GSLC Office Closed	5 9a Soccer Shots
6 10:15a Sunday Worship 12:30p BPFC	7 Labor Day GSLC Office Closed	8 First Day of School (Modified Schedule)	9	10 5p Soccer Shots	11 GSLC Office Closed 7p IPMS	12 9a Soccer Shots
13 9:15a Adult Bible Study 10:15a Sunday Worship w/ Communion 11:30a Fall Kickoff Picnic 12:30p BPFC 3:30p Cub Scouts	14 7p Boy Scouts	15 6p Scrapbooking	16 4pm Cub Scouts	17 5p Soccer Shots	18 GSLC Office Closed	19 9a Soccer Shots
20 9:15a Adult Bible Study 10:15a Sunday Worship 12:30p BPFC	21 6:30p Council 7p Boy Scouts	22	23 5p Cub Scouts	24 5p Soccer Shots	25 GSLC Office Closed 5p Fall Festival	26 9a Soccer Shots
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BPFC – Pgh Nepali Church
DEN – Cub Scouts
Events in **green** are Good Shepherd Events
Events in **purple** are Preschool Events

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays



9/8 – Helen Lee Coleman
9/8 – Rose Ann Zimmerman
8/12 – Cecillia Scheller
9/12 – Rich Ulanowicz
9/27 – Mikey Yakemowicz
9/28 – Jason Moore-Gray
9/29 – Chloe Kramer

Anniversaries

9/6 – Marty & Gail Snyder (46)
9/11 – Jeremy & Amy Frantz (22)
9/17 – Ron & Donna Dunmire (38)
9/19 – Derek & Cecilla Scheller (45)
9/23 – John & Ashley Winters (14)
9/27 – Ken & Sandy Kirkwood (23)



Call Committee Update

The committee has continued the search for Good Shepherd's next pastor in prayer and in action. We held two Zoom interviews with a pastor at a small church in Iowa and have determined that some questions should be asked in person. We believe completely that God has ordained who our next pastor will be, and yet we are humans with skills and intellect that we do not believe we should ignore.

Therefore, we have invited this pastor and his wife to visit Pittsburgh for a full day. Due to planning considerations with his family, such as calendar commitments and arranging care for his children in their absence, the visit will not take place until the third week of the month. The Committee, Council members, and our Preschool Director should all be able to meet with him during his time here.

Please continue to pray for the Call Process, but please also add Pastor Resner, his family, and his congregations (he is also serving as a vacancy pastor for a church in a nearby town) to your prayer list. All will happen in God's time!

Preschool Announcements

The school year is right around the corner!

The first day of school is September 8th!

First week will be a modified schedule to help the kids adjust.

Teacher's have some items they'd love to have for this year. Check them out below!



Mrs. Wood



Mrs. Sabol



Mrs. B



Mrs. Thurston



Ms. Rhonda

Mark your calendars for the Preschool's Fall Festival.

Friday September, 25th.

More details to come in the weekly tidings.



Outside Good Shepherd

Daily Pasture and Sustenance:

The Lord's Supper

A Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Ministries Youth Retreat

October 2nd-3rd

Regular Registration is \$50 and is due by September 15th

Registrations after September 15th is \$60

Register Here:



Prayer Gathering

Washington County Fairgrounds: 2151 N Main St. 15301

Sunday September 13th 1:00pm-6:00pm

Guest Speakers include Mike Macintosh and Rocco Welsh.

What to Expect:

Free Community Meal

Guest Speakers & Testimonies

Baptisms on site

Worship

Coat Distribution

Visit prayergathering.com for more information!

Oktoberfest 2026

Saturday October 3rd, 4-8pm

Haven I: 112 Marwood Rd. Cabot, PA 16023

For your Enjoyment: The Mikey Dee Polka Band

For your Appetite: German-Themed Menu, Bake Sale

For your Kids: Bouncy Castle, Balloon Artist, Games, Pumpkin Decorating, Free Food and much more

For your Curiosity: Haven 1 Open House

Fireworks at 7:45 p.m.

Flu Shots (4-6 p.m.)

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 & Dottie 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 your diseases” -Psalm 103:2-3

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