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Newsletter



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From the Pastor's Desk

"God's Word Changed Luther"

Romans 1:16-17

The Righteous Shall Live by Faith

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Every time you and I open our Bibles the Lord has the opportunity to change our lives. His Holy Word has the power to turn our souls from waywardness to following Him. His Holy Spirit calls, gathers, and enlightens us as we come together around His Word.

So it was for Martin Luther. Once he encountered the Word of God in Romans 1:16-17, life would never be the same for him. The Reformation for Martin Luther began in his heart as directed by our Lord Jesus Christ through His Word.

In this text we encounter *The Gospel* that has power to save us. The good news that Jesus lived, suffered and died, and rose from the grave saves all who believe it!

God's righteousness is revealed to us through faith and by that righteousness in Jesus all of our sins, past, present, and future, are forgiven. We are made righteous through Him. Through our Lord Jesus, our sins are no longer held against us.

Because of this spiritual reality, we *live by faith* and that life goes on into eternity. We no longer need to fear sin, death, or Satan's power. Jesus, through the cross and resurrection, has defeated all those hindrances that keep us from our Lord. Jesus has saved us!

God's Word changed Martin Luther and it continues to change us. So it is now that we celebrate Reformation.

In His Peace and Love –
Pastor David Weeks

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President's Corner

Time is on my mind. As we enter the month of October, the number of minutes of light each day are getting noticeably fewer. The debate about continuing Daylight Savings Time has renewed. Our church building and grounds are being used more hours each week than ever before: by the Nepalese congregation, additional Preschool classes, the SHIM after-school program, Scouts, Cub Scouts, a Daisy troop, and Soccer Shots. We ended our time with Pastor Adam and Pastor Barry last month and have started a time with Pastor David Weeks serving us in our vacancy. And our pastoral vacancy has now reached 22 months. That seems like a long time.

When we lose a loved one, we grieve our loss of time with them - can we ever have enough? When we are enduring a trial, we want time to move more quickly, wanting to speed to its resolution. As we watch children grow and learn, we are often torn between wanting to stop time and enjoy the moment while also looking forward to their maturity and the end of our time doing certain tasks. And maybe this time of vacancy, all 22 months and no matter how much more time it may take, is necessary for us to learn more about ourselves. It may be necessary for us to help the pastors we have contacted to know their proper place in ministry at this time. And it may be necessary for us to be able to reach out to our next shepherd when he is most open and prepared. What is that time to God?

I once heard words that I will surely now misquote a bit, "If I had God's power for 24 hours, there are so many changes I would make. But if I had God's wisdom for any time, I would not change a thing." We are ready to turn the calendar page to October 2026. We are ready for some changes at home and at our church. But what is any of that time to God? In every moment, he has been watching over us. He has been listening to our prayers, answering some of them quickly and telling us that the answers to others will take more time. But he has never changed. He has never stopped working. He has never stopped loving us. Let's trust in God's wisdom. Let's trust his time.

-Kim Ressler

October 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 2:45p SHIM After School 5:00p Soccer Shots	2 7:00p IPMS	3 9:00a Soccer Shots
4 9:15a Adult Bible Study 10:15a Sunday Worship 12:30p BPFC	5 2:45p SHIM After School 6:00p Daisy-Girl Scouts 7:00p Boy Scouts	6 2:45p SHIM After School	7 2:45p SHIM After School	8 2:45p SHIM After School 5:00p Soccer Shots	9	10 9:00a Soccer Shots
11 9:15a Adult Bible Study 10:15a Sunday Worship w/ Communion 12:30p BPFC	12 Columbus Day No Preschool 2:45p SHIM After School 7:00p Boy Scouts	13 2:45p SHIM After School	14 2:45p SHIM After School	15 Pepperoni Roll Delivery 2:45p SHIM After School 5:00p Soccer Shots	16	17 9:00a Soccer Shots 10:00a Private use of Fellowship Hall
18 9:15a Adult Bible Study 10:15a Sunday Worship 11:15a Congregation Meeting 12:30p BPFC	19 2:45p SHIM After School 6:00p Daisy-Girl Scouts 7:00p Boy Scouts	20 2:45p SHIM After School	21 2:45p SHIM After School 5:00p Cub Scouts	22 2:45p SHIM After School 5:00p Soccer Shots	23	24 9:00a Soccer Shots
25 Reformation 9:15a Adult Bible Study 10:15a Sunday Worship w/ Communion 12:30p BPFC	26 2:45p SHIM After School 6:30p Council 7:00p Boy Scouts	27 2:45p SHIM After School	28 2:45p SHIM After School	29 2:45p SHIM After School	30	31 Halloween

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

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

10/4 – Arlene Stroebel
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
10/11 – Easton Flinn
10/11 – Mike Ressler
10/14 – Aaron Zeman

10/18 – Dylan Carroll
10/18 – Donna McCoy
10/18 – Gail Snyder
10/19 – Penelope Chioda
10/21 – Dan Moore
10/30 – Laurie Coleman



Anniversaries

10/8 – Darrell & Nikki Kochanski (15)
10/15 – Mike & Nikki Yakemowicz (22)



Call Committee Update

Following a short visit with Pastor Mark Resner and his wife in late September, the Call Committee would like to put his name to the congregation for a vote. There will be a special Congregational Meeting **on October 18, 2026** immediately after worship. The sole purpose of this meeting will be seeking the congregation's approval to extend a call to Pastor Resner. The Committee and I hope you will participate. Please continue to pray for God's guidance in the search for Good Shepherd's next pastor.

In your service,
Kim Ressler, Chair

Preschool Announcements

Preschool's Pepperoni Roll fundraiser is back! Stock up your freezer.

The pepperoni roll form is on the table in the Narthex. Payment and orders are due by October 7th.

Sarris will be coming back for Christmas! Keep an eye out in the tidings for more information.

LWML Announcements

The wonderful 4 Seasons Luncheon is back. Mark your calendars for Saturday November 21st. Keep an eye out in the tidings for more information!



FLYC Announcements

The next LCMS Youth Gathering will be held in San Antonio, TX from July 3 -7 2028. It's time to start preparing for this exciting event! Students that are 14 years old (or entering 9th grade) through 19 years old are eligible to attend. Are you interested in attending the event as a student? Would you like to be a chaperone? Are you able to lead a fundraiser? Please reach out to John or Stephanie Watkins or email familylife@goodshepherdpittsburgh.org and keep an eye out in the Weekly Tidings for an upcoming meeting to discuss fundraising, budget, and logistics.

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, Pastor Adam and family



"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

Memorials Received:

Memorials made in memory of Dominic Molinari:

Carol Schaar, Ray & Chris Vogel, Ruth Johnson, Pam & Chime Spectold, John Winters, Richard Allshouse & Tim & Sandy Marcovecchio.



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