



DEVOTIONS: Pastor Paul Gruesu

ACCEPT AGENDA: Motion made to accept agenda with one additional committee report from Worship and Music.

COMMUNICATIONS: Question asked about sending two individuals to Synod Assembly in June. There is money in the budget for travel to this assembly. Two individuals from the congregation have expressed interest in attending. Asked to contact Pastor Gruesu for more information.

MINUTES: April minutes accepted as presented.

PASTOR'S REPORT: April report (with one additional item from March) accepted as presented. Pastor Gruesu added that the last confirmation class was held last week. Confirmation was held on Sunday, May 19th and the kids were getting together tomorrow (May 21st) to celebrate together. Also, a funeral is to be held on Saturday, May 25th at Good Shepherd for Becky Demi. No luncheon to follow.

TREASURER'S REPORT: April report accepted as presented. Pastor Gruesu pointed out in the report the line where synod assembly monies were shown.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Vacation Bible School to be held from June 10th through June 14th. We have 24 kids registered, 12 PreK and 12 Elementary.

B. FELLOWSHIP—Church Picnic scheduled for Sunday, August 25th. Free tickets available for pickup beginning July 21st.

C. Rocking Horse Preschool—

1. A Mother's Day Tea was held on Friday, May 10th.

2. Graduation for the twelve 4-year-olds was May 15th. Currently there are 10 enrolled for the 3-year-old morning class next year and 12 enrolled for the 4-year-old morning class.

There are no afternoon classes scheduled. More prominent signage for the preschool was discussed.

D. Property—

1. A work day was hosted on Saturday, May 4th, which had a good turnout. Inside windows were cleaned, hanging gutter at the church entrance was repaired, twigs and lawn debris were picked up, shrubs and bushes were trimmed, plus additional minor cleaning. The old bathroom stalls by the dumpster were cut down and then picked up by a guy wanting metal.

2. The committee is working with the treasurer to submit an application for a grant to be used for security enhancements for the church; cutoff is May 29th.

3. Also looking to get someone to come in and install grab bars in the women's front restroom.

E. Personnel—

1. Committee met on Thursday, June 16th. Reviewed upcoming events through June.

2. Discussed the borrowing of the church's tables and chairs. There is currently nothing in writing regarding whether or not members or non-members can borrow the church's tables and chairs. Discussed if this should be permitted at all, if there should be a deposit required and when the items should be returned. Personnel chair offered to draw up an agreement but council decided that the Sexton, Property Chair and Church Coordinator should meet and discuss.

3. Payroll issues discussed.

4. Possible volunteer needed to maintain the book box outside.

5. Contemplating replacing the wall calendar in the office. Would like to get a calendar that would synch with Rachel's desk calendar but not available at this time.

6. There are now two large-print hymnals in binders in the sanctuary. Pastor Paul suggested having the greeter offer them when passing out the bulletins.

7. On June 2nd the Sunday service time will change to 9:30 and we will begin using setting 10 in the hymnal.

8. Also discussed pursuing grants to upgrade the church. Suggestion made by council to initiate an ad hoc committee under Finance to pursue grants for security, the roof, and other possible updates to the church.

F. Community Fellowship—

1. Outdoor movie nights: July 13th for "Elemental". Free Kona Ice to first 50 kids, free popcorn and mini bottle of water. Candy available for purchase. Foam machine and other activities.

August 10th for “Wonka”. Free cotton candy to first 60 kids, free popcorn, mini bottle of water. Candy + available for purchase. Find the Golden Ticket and other activities. Rain or Shine...if raining will be moved to the social room.

2. October 12th Trunk or Treat and Fun House

3. December 6th Light Up West Point/Wendover

G. Worship and Music—(See also New Business)

1. The committee continues to discuss options with regard to making it easier for the organist to see and hear the choir. Received an estimate on installing a chair lift on the steps to the choir loft. Also considering a video system with a speaker monitor near the organ. The very last thing to consider would be moving the organ downstairs. Council has asked the council liaison to the Worship and Music Committee to request that the committee investigate the cost of a new organ, possibly through Vittone’s, and to discuss where it could be placed downstairs.

2. There has been some interest in bringing back the bulletin inserts that include the lesson and a brief explanation of the lesson. There had been a vote years ago to stop using these inserts. Pastor Sheehan offered to address council to share his opinion on the matter. See New Business.

3. We will be switching to setting 10 in the hymnal for summer service beginning on June 2nd. Services will begin at 9:30 starting then also.

4. Jean reminded the committee that a large print hymnal received from another church is in the choir room and that it is very heavy. Nancy has placed into a binder the hymns for each month so that it is easier to handle. It is currently in the sanctuary.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Search for partner congregation—several individuals from council met with a group from another church to pursue sharing a pastor. The other church is not as far along in the process as Good Shepherd but is still in consideration. Pastors Guesu and Sheehan are continuing to look at other churches.

B. Removing inactive members—no action has been taken on this since the last council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Confirmation students (Addison Hoone, Ty’reon Morrison-Jones and Giovanna Jones) were approved as new members.

Discussed when they get their own envelopes, which is generally not until they graduate from college. However, they are considered to be voting members upon confirmation.

B. Worship and Music proposals—

1. Sample bulletin presented with the Celebrate insert included. Also received Pastor Sheehan’s recommendations. Not only would paper and ink be saved, the formatting would be easier on Rachel. It would also save the lector from reading the italicized background information prior to reading the lesson. The first motion to add the Celebrate insert included only the Sunday service but was subsequently amended to include both Saturday and Sunday services.

2. Pastor Sheehan also submitted a sample of a bulletin used Saturday nights at his previous church in Murrysville. He would like to work over the summer with a few of the Saturday night regulars to re-shape the service and use an already-installed audio system for the hymns. His proposal is a start pending a definite recommendation from that team to council. Upon seeing the bulletin several council members voiced the opinion that the weekly calendar on the last page would be a nice addition to our bulletins.

ADJOURNMENT: NEXT MEETING is Monday, June 17, 2024.

Bonnie Altman has devotions



Please take note of the adjusted office hours starting in June through August

Monday 9-12PM, Tuesday 9-3PM, Thursday 9-11AM

Starting **June 2nd** Sunday services will start at **9:30AM**





Congratulations to Giovanna Jones, Ty'reon Morrison-Jones
& Addison Hoone on Confirming



JR/SR

*Looking into a Pirate Game as well
as an evening at the Evergreen Drive-
In Theatre*

Keep an eye out for upcoming activities! Don't want to
miss out on events & interested in joining the youth
group!?

Contact: Rachel King 724-454-6476

Community Fellowship Upcoming Events

**Outdoor Movie Nights-
Saturday, July 13th 8:00PM**

(Elemental) Free Kona Ice

first 50 children attending

Foam Machine Fun (weather permitting) Bring a towel/change of clothes



Saturday, August 10th 8:00PM

(Wonka) Free Cotton Candy from Cotton Candy Creations

first 60 children attending

Free Popcorn (Generously donated by the West Point Fire Department) & **mini bottled water while supplies last.**

Candy available for purchase

Join us for a magical night under the stars (Rain or Shine)

****Movie will be moved to Social Room if raining****

Bring your lawn chairs & blankets



Saturday, October 12th 6:30PM 8:30PM-

Trunk or Treat & Fun House

Join us for a Spooky evening of Tricks & Treats!

More information coming soon

Friday, December 6th 5:00-8:00PM-

3rd Annual Light Up Night

More information coming soon



(*All activities are tentative & subject to change*)

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

MOVIES under the STARS

Sat., July 13 • 8PM

FREE Kona Ice for the first 50 children
Foam Machine Fun!

[Weather permitting • Bring a towel or change of clothes]

Sat., August 10 • 8pm

FREE Cotton Candy

from Cotton Candy Creations for first 60 children

FREE Popcorn & Mini Bottle of Water

[Generously donated by West Point Fire Dept. • While supplies last]

Events are rain or shine!

In case of rain, movie will be moved inside
to the Social Room. Bring your own lawn chairs and blankets



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
2024 Vacation Bible School

Group
SCUBA

diving into friendship with God

Dive in for a FUN week!

ALL are welcome!

Pre/K - 5th Grade

[Must be fully potty-trained]

\$15/child

MON. JUNE 10

THRU

FRI. JUNE 14

8:45AM - 12:00PM



Find the cross (+)

In each monthly Newsletter there will be a hidden cross (+) that can be found in one of the articles! If you find, please turn in where it was found including page # and article found in with your name & number on a piece of paper. At the end of each month, all who turn in will be entered into a monthly drawing to win a prize! In order to be entered your slip must be turned into office into container labeled Find the cross by the **3rd Sunday** of the month.



This newsletter contains **3** hidden crosses (+) must find all **3** for a chance to win!

Congratulations to our May winner Pat Gatons!

The cross was located on page 12 under the Meals on Wheels Cookie article

Church Picnic

Sunday, August 25th, 1:00

Pavilion 13, Mammoth Park

The annual church picnic will be held at Mammoth Park again this year. Last year's picnic was very successful and attended by over 80 people. This year we are planning to have another success full of fun and fellowship. The event is free, but we ask you to get a ticket so we know how many will be attending so we can prepare accordingly. The tickets will also be used to draw for door prizes, valued between \$10 and \$20. (This year there will be no gag gifts.) Tickets will be available starting July 20th. We are asking people to bring a picnic side, such as a vegetable, starch, salad or dessert. The committee is providing hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments and corn-on-the-cob.

Tentative activities will include bocce, corn hole, badminton, croquette, water balloons, egg toss, relay races, scavenger hunt and a foam machine; activities for all ages! Plus plenty of time to just sit around and talk!

Our next planning meeting is June 10th at 7:00. Everybody is invited to help with the planning.

Fellowship Committee & Picnic Planners
Jack Gesalman, Chair

Good Shepherd Lutheran

CHURCH PICNIC

**Mammoth Park Pavilion 13
by the Lake**

Sunday, August 25

Fun begins 1:00PM | Food Served 1:30PM



**FELLOWSHIP
FUN • FOOD**

Hot dogs, hamburgers, bottled water
& lemonade will be provided.

Please bring a covered dish to share.

SWPA Women of the ELCA Designated Outreach Program:



Our 2024 Designated Outreach recipient is St. Peter's Lutheran Church After School Program in Evans City. They provide a safe place for children after school. Kids receive snacks,

tutoring, play games, make crafts, and have free play time too at NO COST to those who qualify. Our church is asked to help by supplying some of these items:


- snacks – applesauce, Oreo's, pretzels, kid's cereal, chips, etc. Please make sure they won't expire until at least June 2024
- washable tempera paint, glue and glue sticks, pony beads, fuse beads, googly eyes, permanent markers, thin ribbon, other craft items
- paper plates, paper cups, napkins, paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex
- card stock paper, index cards, construction paper, poster board
- board games, outdoor games
- disinfecting wipes &/or spray, garbage bags (all sizes)
- command hooks/strips
- small dollar store items that can be used as prizes or rewards

Monetary donations are also accepted by making checks payable to SWPA Women of the ELCA. Please designate on the memo line to St Peter's Lutheran Church After School Program. Mail these checks to Janet Fishovitz 136 Clearwater Dr., Ellwood City, PA 16117.

We are collecting items thru Sept 15th.



Sept. 20-22nd 2024 is the W/ELCA weekend retreat at Camp Lutherlyn – “Stir up Friends Fellowship and Faith”. They are offering 3 ways to attend this year: You can either stay all 3 days for \$130 or come Saturday only (3 meals) and pay only \$60 or attend Friday thru Saturday – or – Saturday thru Sunday for \$90. They will be adding a fun Gift Basket raffle this year. Donations of gift baskets are being accepted. Everyone will be given 5 complementary raffle tickets just for coming. Then you can either earn or purchase additional tickets throughout the day, Saturday. They will have more activities going on throughout the weekend including a corn hole tournament, bingo, and campfire! Come along & make new memories! Contact Karen Gesalman for registration forms.

Women of the ELCA  **July 12-16th 2026 is the next triennial Convention with the, Triennial Gathering following immediately after the 16-19th in Des Moines, IA** – We hope you consider attending this life changing event.



August 27th
is the next scheduled Blood Drive.



The office will be closed the following dates while I am on vacation.

June

24th, 27th

July

1st, 25th, 29th



Preschool

Kristina King- Rocking Horse Preschool

Garrett Babich- (Nephew of Betty Nagy)

Charles Mosesman- (Great Grandson Jack & Dorothy Gesalman)

High School

S. Sophia Strasser- Plum H.S. (Accepted to Long Island University)

Drezden Gesalman- Greensburg Salem H.S.

Mackenzie Halfhill- Greensburg Salem H.S.

Nicholas Cuda- The Kiski School

Dominic Cuda- The Kiski School

Macklin Harbaugh- Hempfield H.S. (Accepted to Penn State Main)

College

Abigail Fox- Penn State

Maura Harbaugh- Virginia Tech (B.S. Civil/Environmental Engineering)

Meenah Harbaugh- University of Illinois (B.S. Special Education)

Evan Brunot- Ohio University (B.A. Business)

(Grandson of Jean & Jay Brunot)



ATTENTION MEALS ON WHEELS COOKIE BAKERS

Homemade or Store Bought are welcome! Please drop your cookies off **AT THE CHURCH.**

JUNE

COOKIE BAKERS (GROUP 2) Cookie Sunday is June 9, 2024.

Pat Gatons	Susan Rhome
Ellen Monnich	Darlene Frederickson
Val Pollock	

JULY

COOKIE BAKERS (GROUP 3) Cookie Sunday is July 14, 2024.

Dorothy Gesalman	Doris Wood
Karen Gesalman	Lucy Mento
Jill Hixson	

AUGUST

COOKIE BAKERS (GROUP 4) Cookie Sunday is August 11, 2024.

Janet Ambrose	Jenny Luffy
Patti Benton	Nancy Maxson
Carol Clawson	Michele McMahan

We are still collecting cookies for **Meals-on-Wheels**. At **180 meals per day, 5 days a week**, we get enough cookies for about **2 days**.

New contributors are always welcome.



June/July/August Committee Meetings

Anyone welcome to JOIN!

Monday, June 10th 7PM-Church Picnic planning MTG

Sunday, July 14th 7PM-Light Up Night MTG. Join us to help plan our + biggest annual event!

News & Announcements

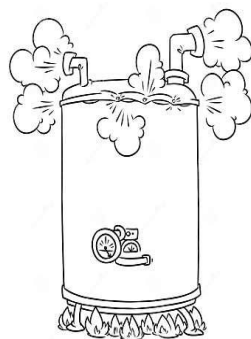
*To include something in the bulletin, please have it to the church office by 9:00 am. Tuesday.

The deadline for the September Newsletter is August 19th.



The Prayer List has been updated and will be updated monthly. Every month all names will be removed. If you need a name added, please contact the church office. If you have any friends or relatives in the military that you want included, please let the office know.

We have begun the boiler fund drive. Simply use the green envelopes found at the pews. Clearly mark as "Boiler Fund" and include your envelope number. Also, put "Boiler Fund" on your check. Details about discussing this opportunity to help our church such as a 3-5-year commitment can be clarified by contacting Denny Clawson at 724-331-2097 clawson.d@gmail.com.



-Thank you.

thank you 

I would like to thank everyone who helped, and donated food for Lillian's funeral luncheon. We had plenty of great food and most of all the love of fellowship. Lillian would have been proud.

- Thank you with God's Blessings

Love, Fran Martha Committee

Happy Birthday to:



June

Domenic Cuda	(06/01)
Nicholas Cuda	(06/01)
Ryan Sikora	(06/01)
Kimberly Barnard	(06/02)
Matt Fisher	(06/05)
Bradley Hefflefinger	(06/05)
Kaleb Askey	(06/06)
Ariel King	(06/06)
Harry Harbaugh	(06/07)
Tami Stewart	(06/07)
Jocelyn Askey	(06/08)
Allison Dematt	(06/08)
Mackenzie Mull	(06/10)
Jill Hixson	(06/12)
Linda Harbaugh	(06/16)
Ralph III Demi	(06/22)
Bonnie Altman	(06/26)
Scott McMahan	(06/26)
Lindsey Sullenberger	(06/26)
Gilbert Markle	(06/27)
George Billig	(06/29)
Andrea Cuda	(06/29)
Lynda Gesalman	(06/29)

Happy Birthday to:

July



Giovanna Jones	(07/01)
Carson Hawes	(07/05)
Joan Billig	(07/06)
Deborah Fredo	(07/07)
Melanie Hook	(07/08)
Rachel King	(07/18)
Gemma Huth	(07/19)
Kathrine Wolfe	(07/20)
Jeff Maloy	(07/22)
Mia Reinhart	(07/24)
Sonja Kubinec	(07/25)
Roberta Musiak	(07/26)
Elaine McIntire	(07/27)
Alexa Donoughe	(07/28)
Neil Sullenberger	(07/28)

Happy Birthday to:



August

Susanne Strasser	(08/02)
Brady Luffy	(08/03)
William Ambrose	(08/05)
Dakota Perry	(08/07)
Presley Darragh	(08/08)
Camryn Ecker	(08/09)
James Stewart	(08/11)
Marsha Williams	(08/11)
Lily Huth	(08/12)
Jennifer Luffy	(08/13)
Bettie Davis	(08/14)
Jay Brunot	(08/15)
Timothy Donahue	(08/20)
William Stewart	(08/23)
Barbara Tychinski	(08/23)
Alexander Isler	(08/25)
David Wolfe	(08/28)
Carol Clawson	(08/29)

(If we have missed your birthday, we do not have it in our records. Please help us update them. + Thank you

Summer Pasta Salad

Garden fresh veggies and tender pasta are tossed in a simple fresh dressing.



Ingredients

- 8 ounces dry rotini pasta
- ½ cup red onion slivered
- 1 yellow pepper diced
- 1 small zucchini diced
- 1 cup grape tomatoes halved
- ¾ cup carrots julienned
- 1 cob corn grilled with kernels removed
- ½ cup radish sliced
- ½ cup feta cheese crumbled
- 2 tablespoons fresh herbs

Dressing

- ½ cup vegetable oil or olive oil
- 3 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon dijon
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- ½ teaspoon dried oregano
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- salt and pepper

Instructions

1. Cook pasta al dente according to package directions. Drain and run under cold water to stop cooking.
2. Combine all dressing ingredients in a mason jar and shake well to combine.
3. Combine pasta and remaining ingredients in a large bowl. Toss top combine. Top with additional feta cheese and herbs if desired.

Notes

Leftovers can be kept in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 5 days. Stir to refresh before serving.

Word search

C E E S T G M I R H S S O R Y G
H M Q O L O H C H I C C A M S E
U P H R O B W S N A C Q T E S H C
K A S R B K G U P S A K D K A R I S
E C N H T C Y P S A R B U B L L
T E I C E I R B C A R U C L A P L
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S E A K E L C S E M E A D E D S B I
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C N H L O R C H E E S E R Y G K P
M A C A N D C H A S Y G K P
E M P A N A D A S Y G K P

Our favorite food truck eats

tacos
lobster roll
mac and cheese
empanadas
ice cream
cupcakes
chicken wings
loaded fries
gyros
meatballs
burgers

cheese curds
hot dogs
shrimp po' boy
pulled pork
churros
cheesesteak
sushi rolls



Words and phrases can appear horizontally, vertically, diagonally, backward or forward and can overlap.

For solutions, turn to page 94

PRAYER LIST - Our thoughts and prayers are with the following:

Good Shepherd Members:

Tony Mariani
Miriam Starenchak
Jackie Guhl
Jane Elliott
Val Pollock
Erik Williams
Bernie Miller
Lynda Gesalman
Donna Sheridan
Mac McMurtrie
Bill Ambrose

Friends and relatives of the Good Shepherd family:

Helen Bell
Laura Starzynski & Family
Lauren Floyd

Those in care facilities:

Redstone Highlands: Bernie Fisher (Murrysville), Charlotte Hein
Mt. View Senior Care: Carole Bridges
Woodcrest Senior Living Community: George & Joan Billig

Those in the Service

NATIONAL GUARD Spencer Geohrig
NAVY: Derek Leach

We pray for the safety of all military personnel and their families and give thanks to God for their service to our nation.

We welcome names for the Good Shepherd prayer list. Names will appear on the list for one month unless we are contacted to keep them longer. Thank you.