



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

Date January 20, 2025

Minutes recorded by J. Gesalman due to vacancy in that position

Election of Congregation Officers: Chaired by Pastor Gruesu, rest of meeting chaired by B Gesalman

President; Nominated Brian Gesalman, by J. Luffy, seconded and approved

Vice-President; Nominated Andrew King, by J. Luffy, seconded and approved

Recording Secretary; position discussed, no nominations, tabled
Treasurer Barb Terek and Asst. Treasurer Jack Gesalman agreed to continue in their positions, no other nominees.

Financial Secretary; Nominated Kathy Wolfe by J Gesalman, seconded and all three approved

Communications

Minutes from Annual Meeting should be made available to Congregation Council for the February meeting

J Stewart & G Bittner led discussion of how Congregation receives the Church Newsletter. Methods were discussed and reviewed. Suggestion was made that the time of availability be announced at the service and placed in the bulletin each month. Reminder should be made to the congregation on their options of receiving them- website, mailed or picked up in office.

The Asst. Treasurer provided council with a document defining the individual designated funds

Notification to members that significant donations have been received and to what fund- action was table while specifics are examined.

Copies of the Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions should be provided to Council in February

Reports – Pastor’s reported on his visitations to members and meetings, Motion to accept, G. Bittner, seconded and approved

- Dec 16th Minutes; Motion to Accept, J Luffy, seconded and approved
- Treasurer and Asst Treasurers reports; reviewed but already approved at Congregation meeting

Committee Reports

Community Fellowship – Soup Cook-off February 8 11-2 Shrove Tuesday March 4th 5-7, Lunch with the Bunny Saturday April 5th 12pm, Cinco de Mayo Buffet Monday May 5th, 5”30-7:30

Fellowship - Trivia night Saturday January 25th, 6:30

Old Business

Letter to select local congregations concerning sharing a pastor will be revised showing new officers, reviewed and signed by president and sent

Moving of members from the active to inactive files of those who have not contributed or communed over the last several years will be done this month. The names will be private but the numerical results will be presented to council in February.

New Business

Motion to designate Lenten money to Lutheran Disaster Relief made by J Gesalman, seconded and approved

Sharing of survey results from last year’s Stewardship Dinner was discussed in general with specific discussion on the sound system. Liaisons were asked to take applicable points to their committees for consideration.

General Business

Appointments of Council Liaisons to the committees were made. The need of getting a viable Evangelism Committee was broached.

Liaisons were asked to provide a roster of their committee members to the Council before the February meeting

Installation date for Council and Officers to be decided by Pastor Sheehan

Adjournment: motion by J Stewart. Closed with Lord’s Prayer, Next meeting February 17, 6:30



Welcome to Pastor Paul Gruesu – Sunday, Feb 9th

Pastor Paul Gruesu, full-time pastor at St. Matthias Lutheran Church, has been serving as the Local Interim Pastor at Good Shepherd for the past three years. This means he attends council meetings, visits members in the hospital or homebound, and conducts weddings and funerals. Basically, he is the pastor on the scene during the week. Of course, he leads worship at St. Matthias on Sundays.

This means that many members of Good Shepherd haven't met Pastor Gruesu yet. So he will lead Sunday worship here on Feb. 9th. This way members will be able to put a face with his name. Pastor Sheehan will switch places with him and will lead worship at St. Matthias that Sunday.

Pastor Gruesu, along with Pastor Sheehan (Sunday mornings), and Pastors Scott Dennis and Dave Clement (Saturday evenings) form a team to provide pastoral care for the congregation. So come out and meet Pastor Gruesu!

Offering envelopes are here. If you do not have envelopes at this time and wish to receive them contact the church office.





Ash Wednesday Service – March 5 – 7:00 pm

Each year, Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of prayer and repentance. Marking our foreheads with ashes, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the ashes trace the life-giving cross of Jesus Christ indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. It is a time of reflection and renewal, as we recommit ourselves to living our lives as believers and followers of Jesus.

The service consists of both the receiving of ashes, as a sign of repentance, and holy communion, as a sign of Jesus coming again into our lives.

Mid-week Wednesday Lenten Services will begin on March 12. More details in the March newsletter.



Pre/K-8th Grade

JOIN US

Sunday mornings **9:30AM**

Don't want to miss out on events & interested in joining the youth group!?

Contact: Rachel King 724-454-6476



Community Fellowship Upcoming Events



Saturday, February 8th 11-2PM-

Soup Cook-Off

Vote for your favorite soup!

Raffle Tree & Bake Sale

Tuesday, March 4th 5:00 PM-

Shrove Tuesday

Join Fellowship & Community

Fellowship for Free pancakes,

sausage & juice!



Saturday, April 5th 12:00PM- Lunch with the Bunny

Adult Cost-\$5.00

12 & Under- FREE

Info on registration coming soon!

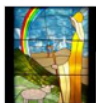
Monday, May 5th 5:30PM-

Cinco de Mayo Taco Bar

Join us for Tacos, Dessert & Fun



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



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church



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Soup Cook- off

Saturday

Feb. 8, 2025

11AM-2PM

Savor a variety of delicious
homemade soups & vote for your favorite!
Plus, enjoy our bake sale
& gift card tree raffle.



Hot Dog Sunday

Join us for Hot Dog Sunday! On the last
Sunday of every month* gather in the Social
Room following the 10:30am service.
Enjoy a toppings bar, chips, side,
and a drink with your hot dog!

**Excluding November, December, June, July & August.*



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.



Congratulations to our Dec./Jan. winner Mark Gesalman!

***The crosses were located on page 11 & 19 ***

News & Announcements

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

The deadline for the March Newsletter is February 17th.



Enrollment for Rocking Horse Preschool for the 2025-2026 year is OPEN for 3 Year Old & 4 Year Old Classes.

AM Classes fill quickly so register early



Calling ALL Women, you are invited!

BGS (Books, Games & Scripture) Sunday Feb. 16th after church, Noon-2. Please pack your own lunch and bring any books you've read that you might want to share with the group. We will have a brief devotion and also discuss the menu and entertainment for the annual **ladies dinner to be held, Tuesday, May 6th**. Your involvement and input is greatly appreciated.

Friday, May 30th & Saturday, May 31st will be the SWPA Women of the ELCA annual convention. (This is NOT Memorial Day weekend). The theme is "The Lord Gives you Hope and a Future". Bishop Kusserow is going to be honored Friday evening for his many years of service to our synod. He will be retiring in the summer of 2025. We hope you plan to attend this very special dinner as well as the convention immediately following for important voting and other matters. We need to elect a new President, Treasurer, Board Members, and Triennial Voting Members. Please consider running for one or more of these positions. Triennial voting members get their traveling expenses paid for to attend the triennial convention in July 12-16th 2026. It will be in Des Moines, IA. The Triennial Gathering, the fun part, immediately follows from July 16th thru 19th. We hope you will attend one or both of these life changing events. Registration and nomination forms will be available shortly.

Do you have a guest room? We are looking for people in the greater Greensburg area who may have a spare room that would be willing to let a woman, or 2, stay the night with them for convention. If you do, could you please email our registrar, Roberta Herrington daherrington@comcast.net. We have women who want to come to convention from other areas but often don't have the money for a hotel room. Thank you for your consideration.

New nominees are needed for our 2026 Designated Outreach which will be voted on at the May convention.

Do you have a favorite local non-profit group that is in need of tangible items, money or gift cards and not just volunteers? If you do and would like to see a boost to their donations, please provide them with an application to fill out. You may contact Karen at 724-837-1439 with any questions or for a form.

If you have any questions about the Women of the ELCA activities, please contact Karen Gesalman at 724-837-1439.



Please mark your calendars to remember that the annual Souper Bowl of Caring will be conducted at worship services to be held February 8 and 9, 2025,

corresponding with the time of the NFL Super Bowl. This collection of funds will be turned over to the Westmoreland County Food Bank, Inc., and is part of a nationwide campaign originated and annually conducted by church youth to help their local communities. Look for the Big Soup Pot + at the church services, or you can mail your donation to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 501 Fairfield Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601. Please include Souper Bowl of Caring on the memo line of your check. Thanks to all of you for caring!



Meals-on-Wheels Cookie Update

Calling all cookie bakers! Our Meals-on Wheels donation program is still in operation. Fifteen years ago we had 17 contributors per month. Now we are lucky to get 5 or 6 contributors per month. Could you help out? Now that the weather is getting cooler we can bake up a storm! (Just kidding!) But seriously, how can you make a difference? Just send 3 or 4 dozen cookies to the church on the second Sunday of the month. No nuts or coconut please. The elderly recipients will be thankful! P.S. Bought cookies are also acceptable and appreciated.

-Dorothy Gesalman, Coordinator

ATTENTION MEALS ON WHEELS COOKIE BAKERS



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

FEBRUARY

COOKIE BAKERS (GROUP 2) Cookie Sunday is February 9, 2025.

Pat Gatons	Val Pollock	Darlene Frederickson
Ellen Monnich	Susan Rhome	

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.



Food 2 Go for West Point Elementary

bags will be delivered Thursday, March 6th.

Please support by this program by taking a child off the wall located in the Commons Area and returning the picture with **\$16.00**. Each child represents 2 kids!

Happy Birthday to:

February



Andrew Fox	(02/02)
Carole Bridges	(02/04)
Denise Adamrovich	(02/9)
Thomas Meyers	(02/10)
Joe Cottrill	(02/18)
Mycal Jones	(02/19)
Kristina King	(02/20)
Clifford Flogger	(02/21)
Reese Sikora	(02/21)
Carrie Dorko	(02/23)
Emmett Ober	(02/24)
Dorothy Flock	(02/26)

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

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

Good Shepherd Members:

Tony Mariani
Jackie Guhl
Jane Elliott
Val Pollock
Erik Williams
Lynda Gesalman
Mac McMurtrie
Bill Ambrose
Bonnie Altman
Matt Alderson
Jess Darragh
Jack & Mina Rutter
Darlene Fligger

Friends and relatives of the Good Shepherd family:

Laura Starzynski & Family
Lauren Floyd
Brian Murphy
Gertrude Pezzoni
Janice Territ

Those in care facilities:

Redstone Highlands: Charlotte Hein, Donna Sheridan, Dorothy Stewart

Mt. View Senior Care: Carole Bridges

Woodcrest Senior Living Community: George 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.