



# The Shepherd's News

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Fall 2017

This party has been in the planning for quite some time ... 500 years to be exact! On October 31<sup>st</sup> the world will celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Why October 31<sup>st</sup>? Because on October 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted the “95 Theses” on the doors of the Wittenberg Castle Church in Germany. He chose that date because he knew the pews would be packed on the next day for All Saint’s Day.

The tone of the theses was humble and academic. He was questioning some of the practices of his church rather than accusing. Through the reading of scripture, he came to the conclusion that salvation could be reached only through faith and by divine grace alone. This led him to object, on principle, to the corrupt practice of selling indulgences. Luther intended to reform the Roman Catholic Church, but that was not to be. Luther was eventually excommunicated and with that the Protestant Reformation became the stuff of history.

Fast forward 500 years! How things have changed! While the church is still divided, we are working to build bridges all the time. If you had told Martin Luther, at the time of his death, that the Pope would participate in a prayer service that would kick off the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, he would have told you that you were out of your mind. And yet, that is exactly what happened! On October 31, 2016, Pope Francis traveled to Sweden, a primarily Lutheran country, and participated in a joint ecumenical prayer service at Lund Cathedral with representatives from the Church of Sweden and the Lutheran World Federation. During the service the Pope said, “We have the opportunity to mend a critical moment of our history by moving beyond the controversies and disagreements that have often prevented us from understanding one another.” He even went as far as to praise Martin Luther – once deemed a heretic by the Roman Catholic Church – as a great reformer.

Here at Good Shepherd we will mark the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation as well! Please mark your calendars ...

**Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:45am – 10:45am, Steve Seyfried will be with us to present “Luther 500, A Layman’s Guide to the Protestant Reformation.”** Steve is both an actor and playwright. The presentation will be lively, informative, and entertaining.

**Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:30am – 2pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansdale, you are invited to “1517 – 2017, From Conflict to Communion – Together in Hope.”** In the morning you are invited to a seminar, we will break for lunch and then conclude the day by worshipping together following a Service of Repentance and Reconciliation. The Rev. Dr. Peter Donahue, President of Villanova University (an Augustinian priest like Martin Luther) will be the preacher and our Bishop, Claire Burkat, will be the liturgist. Some of you who heard Father Peter preach at one of our midweek Lenten services a number of years ago know what a dynamic preacher he is!

**Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am and 11am we will celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation at Good Shepherd.** At 11am, four of our youth will confirm their faith.

Details regarding the above events can be found in this newsletter. Please plan and join us as we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, but more importantly, celebrate that Christ continues, even today, to reform the church.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Luei*



**Reformation 500**  
1517-2017

## MESSAGE FROM VICAR RACHEL

Dear Friends,

This October we will celebrate 500 years since Martin Luther boldly nailed his 95 Theses to Wittenberg Castle's door. Powered by the movement of the Holy Spirit, and the voices of many other reformers, our Church continues to cross barriers and is being "made new". As churches across the world remember this reformatory action in October, let us remember to give thanks for our theologian Martin Luther and the scripture and faith that he grounded the church in. And to give thanks to God for a church that is always reforming with new and vibrant ways to share God's love with the world. And we give thanks that our God promises to always be with us, to always love us, and to always offer us liberation from our sin and freedom of new life in Christ. Blessings!

*Vicar Rachel*



### *The Music Ministry of Good Shepherd*

I hope you're sitting down for this... We're about to start our FOURTH year together! As I have said from the start, there are always opportunities for you to get involved in our Music Ministry. If you have *thought* about joining us—well, what are you waiting for? Come speak with me and let's get you plugged in and offering your talents here at Good Shepherd!

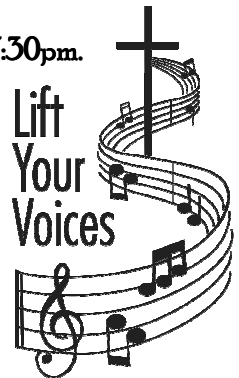
### Here is all the start-up information:

**The Chancel Choir** will resume rehearsal on **THURSDAY, AUGUST 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm-9:00pm.**  
All are welcome to join us for the year, or even seasonally.

**The Chancel Ringers** will resume rehearsal on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm-7:30pm.**  
If you are interested in ringing to God's glory, please speak with me.

**The Good Shepherd Orchestra** - "The GSO" will resume rehearsals starting in October. The music is accessible for folks of all musical ability. If you play any instrument, let's get you a seat!

**Instrumental or Vocal Solos** - Anyone who feels led to do either of these is welcome to do so here at Good Shepherd - let's talk about how you can offer your talent.



*Parents: If your child has started learning how to play a musical instrument, I would LOVE to know about it! It's important to me to provide opportunities here at church for them to "put into practice" what they've learned. Perhaps they could play an introit or join us in the orchestra. Let's talk about it!*

As always, if you have questions about our music ministry or perhaps are still hesitant to join us, please contact me at: (484) 369-1017 or through [GoodShepMusic@yahoo.com](mailto:GoodShepMusic@yahoo.com).

Let's make a joyful noise!

Thank You!! *Ross*

**SATURDAY—September 9<sup>th</sup>—Founders Hall**

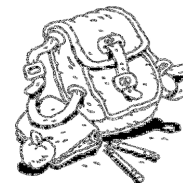


Good Shepherd's musical stars will present a Broadway Revue and delicious dinner, featuring famous and not so famous show tunes. The Italian dinner will be held at 6pm with the show curtain ascending at 7pm! If you can't join us for the evening, takeout meals are available 4pm-6:30pm. All proceeds from the evening will be for the Nibakure

Community Village and Rwamagana School. Tickets for the dinner can be purchased during the week at the church office or at the door. Please join us for this fun night and help us raise monies for a community in need across the sea. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children.

**RALLY DAY—September 10, 2017**  
**Worship Services—8:30 and 11:00 A.M.**  
**Education Hour—9:45 A.M.**

Bring your backpack on Rally Day for a Backpack Blessing at Sunday's services



Our Sunday school program will start each week promptly at 9:45 A.M. in our classrooms and continue until 10:45 A.M. Our program has been designed to provide meaningful Christian education for children and adults wherever they may be on their faith journey. Classes are offered for adults, youth and children from age 2 on up.

**Important dates for our Fall Sunday school calendar are:**



- 9/10/17—Rally Day
  - Presentation of Bibles to Kindergarten & 5th Grade Students
  - Installation of Sunday School Teachers
  - Blessing of Backpacks
  - Dedication of upgraded outdoor sanctuary
- 10/29/17—Confirmation of 10th Graders (11:00AM Service)
- 11/26/17—Thanksgiving Break—No Sunday School



**Come join us as we kickoff our celebration of the 500th ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION! Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:45am in Founders Hall**



**Luther 500**  
**A Layman's Guide to the Protestant Reformation**  
*What I Learned in Lutherland*

In 2014, Steve Seyfried traveled through eastern Germany with a group from the SEPA Synod, following in the footsteps of Martin Luther. That journey led him to a new understanding of this extraordinary man and the truly awesome effect Luther has had on the past 500 years. In a unique presentation, Steve brings the saga of Martin Luther and the Reformation to life through an engaging, delightful blend of stories, graphics, and historical insights. Steve draws on his skills as an actor and playwright to convey the drama, pathos and, yes, even the humor that make up this world-changing event.

**FLEA MARKET & BAKE SALE**  
*Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>—9:00am-2:00pm*

Mark your calendars for this year's flea market. There will be tables to rent (\$20) for anyone who chooses to display and sell his/her own crafts or wares. Space is available inside and out. Set up for inside tables will be Friday, September 15th 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Set up for outside tables will be Saturday, September 16th at 7:00 a.m. Please call the church office to reserve your table today! (610-265-4545) (Bake sale information, please see page 4.)



**CALLING ALL BAKERS!!!**

Hearts and Hands needs baked goods for the bake table at the Flea Market on September 16th. Baked goods can be dropped off at Founders Hall on Friday September 15th from 10:00 am until 8:00 pm. Please contact the church office with any questions (610-265-4545).



**YOGA WITH PRAYER RESUMES SEPTEMBER 20th  
(3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH)**

*“Be still, and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10.*

September through May (Skip Feb & Mar) in Founders Hall. **Yoga with a professional instructor from 7:00pm to 8:00pm.** \$70 for all 7 classes or \$15 for drop-ins. Cash or check made out to “Good Shepherd Church”.

**Centering Prayer** (facilitated by members of Good Shepherd) from **8:00pm to 8:20pm.** (or any private prayer style you choose). If you cannot stay for prayer, you are welcome to leave any time.

If you cannot make it to yoga, you are welcome to join us for prayer (prayer portion of each class is free).

Yoga is a great way to prepare your body and mind to be still for contemplative style prayer!

If you have ever wondered if a meditative type of prayer could compliment your Christian faith practices, we will joyfully share the basics of Centering Prayer with you. Come try it out!

If you have any questions, please contact Ivana Anderson at [ivanaanderson@gmail.com](mailto:ivanaanderson@gmail.com), Karen Reimet at [karenreimet@gmail.com](mailto:karenreimet@gmail.com) or Hele Vondra at [helevondra@gmail.com](mailto:helevondra@gmail.com).

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE—Friday, September 29, 2017**

Good Shepherd will be hosting this important mission on Friday, September 29th from 2:00—7:00pm. In addition to the regular blood donors in the King of Prussia area, the Red Cross would like to find some ‘new blood’! We ask that you consider becoming a blood donor and if you are not able, perhaps there is another family member, neighbor or friend, who you know that may be a willing donor. Please do not wait to be called to volunteer! If you are willing and able, contact the church office as soon as possible and we will schedule a time for you to donate. Kendra Zadrejko is coordinating this event and can be reached at 484.213.7023 or email [kzadrejko@gmail.com](mailto:kzadrejko@gmail.com). *Thank you for considering this vital outreach!*



**SEWING FELLOWSHIP at GOOD SHEPHERD**

The 2017 Sewing Fellowship is scheduled for Saturday, September 30th from 9am—Noon. Needed are portable sewing machines, sergers, rotary cutters, thread, pins, ironing boards and irons...and of course—YOU! If you can sew but do not have a machine that can be transported, please let us know and we will be sure one is provided. If you cannot sew you are welcome to come to iron, pin, or to facilitate the sewers. The focus of the morning will be completing pillowcases for Ryan’s Case for Smiles (a non-profit organization which distributes the pillowcases to pediatric units at hospitals nationwide). Light refreshments will be provided. If you have an interest in taking part in this event, email the church office ([gskopstaff@verizon.net](mailto:gskopstaff@verizon.net)) and use the word PILLOWCASES in the subject line. Let us know what you can do!

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS — SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>**

This special event will take place in the outdoor sanctuary (Founders Hall if raining) at 2:00pm. (please note time change from prior years). We will have a short liturgy. No pet is too big or too small, too slimy or too furry. Even if you don’t have a pet, come out and enjoy other people’s special friends!



## MANNA MONDAY

Miss eating with your church family?— Looking for one less meal to cook?  
 Can't wait until Lenten Soup Suppers each year? We have a solution for you —Manna Monday!  
 Come eat with your Good Shepherd family on the fourth Monday of the month four times a year.

**September 25, 2017 — Cyber bullying/Sexting**

(The evening's presentation is being given by Montgomery County Assistant District Attorney Erika L. Wevodau)

**October 23, 2017 (Haunted Hallways)**

**January 22, 2018 (Chili Cook-off)—and April 23, 2018**

Meals will begin at 6pm followed by a speaker or activity at 7pm

Cost is \$5 per person with a maximum of \$20 per family.

*Come enjoy Family, Fellowship and Faith with your Good Shepherd*



## FALL DINNER for the WOMEN OF GOOD SHEPHERD Wednesday, October 25, 2017—6 PM

Hearts & Hands will be hosting our Annual Dinner for all ladies of Good Shepherd and their friends. This year's speaker will be Courtney Smith. Courtney Smith, a lifelong member of Good Shepherd, graduated from Towson University in 2016. After receiving her degree in Family and Human Services, Nonprofit Management, she took a job as an ELCA Missionary through the Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program. From June 2016



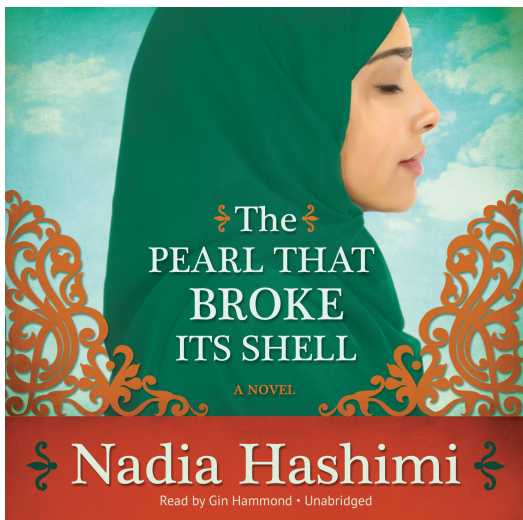
- July 2017, Courtney joined over 80 young adults serving, learning, and growing through the YAGM programs in Argentina, Uruguay, Mexico, United Kingdom, Hungary, Senegal, Rwanda, Madagascar, South Africa, Swaziland, Cambodia, and Australia.

Courtney lived in a township outside of Johannesburg, South Africa and worked with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa - Development Services as well as in a local preschool.



## FALL BOOK CLUB at GOOD SHEPHERD (7:00PM in the church library)

*Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>—The Pearl That Broke Its Shell—by Nadia Hashmi*



In Kabul, 2007, with a drug-addicted father and no brothers, Rahima and her sisters can only sporadically attend school, and can rarely leave the house. Their only hope lies in the ancient custom of *bacha posh*, which allows young Rahima to dress and be treated as a boy until she is of marriageable age. As a son, she can attend school, go to the market, and chaperone her older sisters.

But Rahima is not the first in her family to adopt this unusual custom. A century earlier, her great-great grandmother, Shekiba, left orphaned by an epidemic, saved herself and built a new life the same way.

Crisscrossing in time, *The Pearl That Broke Its Shell* interweaves the tales of these two women separated by a century who share similar destinies. But what will happen once Rahima is of marriageable age? Will Shekiba always live as a man? And if Rahima cannot adapt to life as a bride, how will she survive?



**SEPTEMBER OUTREACH**—Lutheran Disaster Response is an ELCA organization that supports case management primarily through local providers like Lutheran Social Services. They bring God’s hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters. **September’s Outreach collection will be designated to help the victims of Hurricane Harvey.**

*Checks may be made payable to Good Shepherd and designated for “Outreach”.*

**OCTOBER OUTREACH** —The government of Rwanda decreed that all Rwandan children are to be raised as “true Rwandans,” and as such all orphanages were to be shuttered by the end of 2015. Most of the Nibakure village children were returned to the homes from which they were removed. These former residents of the village need much support; the government program, as currently run, is unable to provide even their most basic needs.

Funds from Good Shepherd were used to bring 18 children back to the village for a New Year celebration at the end of 2016, as well as provide them with every day necessities, including towels, toothbrushes, bath slippers, shoes, pajamas, underwear, and clothing.

At the beginning of 2017, the Nibakure village transitioned and is now known as the **“Nibakure Community Village”** (NCV). The current focus is on providing much needed education to children, women, and families in the local area.

A group from Good Shepherd will be visiting the NCV during the summer of 2018. We would like to bring the original residents back to the village for another reunion, support the current operations, and provide much needed love and support from abroad.

Of note, as little as \$25 can feed a family of four for an entire week! If you have any questions, please connect with Amanda Fleischer.

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**NOVEMBER OUTREACH** —Each year, more than 225 **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America missionaries**, including the Young Adults in Global Mission, serve in more than 40 countries around the world. They are sent by the ELCA in response to invitations from our companion churches and serve in a variety of roles, working alongside our companions to proclaim the gospel, raise up leaders, care for those in need and develop new ways of being the church together. No matter who they are or where they serve, every missionary needs your prayers, support and gifts to live out their ministry.

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*Thank you!*

This summer season we have again been blessed with volunteers who have worked on maintaining the grounds at Good Shepherd. From planting, to weeding, to mowing—we appreciate the volunteer hours!

—Good Shepherd Property Committee



**UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

Looking ahead: youth events for 2017-18

Sunday, October 22, 2017:  
Hurricane Hills Corn Maze

January 2018: Bowling – date TBD  
Sunday, March 18, 2018: Get Air!

Sunday, May 20, 2018: Elmwood Park Zoo & Ziplining



We will provide details closer to event dates. If you have any questions, please connect with Erin Rackovan at [erack83@gmail.com](mailto:erack83@gmail.com).



## CASSEROLE DAY—October 7th—8:00am

HELP NEEDED... to feed the hungry! Please join us for a morning of fellowship and service to God's children as we make casseroles and bag lunches to feed 200 homeless people who come to the Germantown Soup Kitchen for nourishment of body, mind and spirit. Consider bringing your whole family (kids as young as elementary age are welcome) as there is something for everyone to do. We meet in Founders Hall at 8am and are usually finished in an hour or so. We also need drivers who meet at the church at 9:30 am to deliver the meals. If you can drive, please call Joan Jenaway (*610-304-4645 or [jjjenaway@comcast.net](mailto:jjjenaway@comcast.net)*)

## AMAZON SMILE Helps Good Shepherd Lutheran Church



Are you an Amazon.com shopper? The Amazon Smile program automatically directs 0.5% of your net purchases to the non profit organization of your choice, and it all comes out of Amazon's profits. The price you pay for your purchases is the same. Even if you are only an occasional shopper on Amazon.com, Good Shepherd can benefit from your purchases, no matter how small. Here are the steps to take:

- To access Amazon Smile, change the link that you use to access Amazon.com. Instead of using [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com), go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com).
- If this is the first time you have accessed Amazon Smile, an Amazon Smile promotional screen will be displayed. (If you have used Amazon Smile previously and have selected a different non profit, click on Your Account from the top menu and select Change Your Charity from the dropdown, or select Change Your Charity from the Settings section on the Your Account page.)
- In the box titled "Or pick your own charitable organization:", enter **Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd Kng of Prussa**. Enter it exactly as shown here, including the misspelling of the town.
- You should see one search result, showing our church as you entered it. Press the Select button opposite this entry in the list.
- That's all you need to do. From this point on, as long as you use the [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) link, then the website and its services will be the same, but Amazon is diverting the 0.5% funds to Good Shepherd for every purchase.
- If you have a bookmark in your browser for Amazon.com, remember to change it to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com).

If you have any questions or any difficulty with these steps, please contact Amanda Fleischer or Daniel Pirani.

## MONDAY'S AT GOOD SHEPHERD

**First Monday of the Month is Pub Theology.** — October 2<sup>nd</sup> and November 6<sup>th</sup>, December 4<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Caroling at the Pub!)

**Second Monday of the Month is Committee Meetings** — Please check if your committee is meeting. September 11<sup>th</sup>, October 9<sup>th</sup> and November 13<sup>th</sup>

**Third Monday of the Month is Council Meeting** —September 20<sup>th</sup> (Please note date change to Wednesday for September's meeting.), October 16<sup>th</sup> and November 20<sup>th</sup>

**Fourth Monday of the Month is Manna Monday**  
September 25<sup>th</sup>, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, January 22<sup>nd</sup> and April 23<sup>rd</sup> (see page 5)



## SPECIAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES THIS FALL

Beginning September 10<sup>th</sup> we will return to two Worship Services at 8:30am & 11:00am

**September 10<sup>th</sup>** — Rally Day — Blessing of Backpacks—Installation of Sunday School Teachers  
Dedication of Bricks—Youth receiving Bibles

**October 1<sup>st</sup>**— Blessing of the Animals at 2:00 P.M.

**October 29<sup>th</sup>** — Reformation Sunday—Confirmation Sunday

**November 5<sup>th</sup>** — All Saints Sunday — The names of those who have been baptized at Good Shepherd during the past year and those who have entered the church triumphant this year will be recognized during the Prayers of Intercession.

**November 12<sup>th</sup>** — Hearts and Hands Sunday with display of their handiwork.  
Veterans will be recognized during the Prayers of Intercession.

**November 19<sup>th</sup>** — Commitment Sunday — Members will be invited to bring forward their 2018 gift intention to Good Shepherd at worship during the offering.

**November 26<sup>th</sup>** — Christ the King Sunday

## DEDICATION OF THE BRICKS IN THE OUTDOOR SANCTUARY September 10, 2017

Good Shepherd has added decorative bricks to the outdoor sanctuary. Bricks were given to honor members past and present as well as to remember loved ones and some very special occasions. This is the initial installation and more bricks will be added to the design in the future. If you wish to order a brick, order forms are available on the credenza in the narthex of the church, or you may call the church office to have a form mailed to you. The cost of each brick is \$60.



Please join Good Shepherd Church for **God on Tap**

**First Monday of the month, beginning  
Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30pm to 8:00pm**

Upstairs at Taphouse 23 at 266 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Bridgeport, PA 19405  
*All ages are welcome who are interested in engaging in this conversation.*

**People have been gathering in pubs** and public spaces for ages, talking about life, philosophy, faith, and deep questions of meaning. Increasingly, people all over are rediscovering the pub as a safe, open space where they can explore and express their own doubts and questions, learn from others, and engage people of varying religious traditions. In our increasingly fractured society, these spaces are not only welcome, but needed.

The format is simple: refreshments, conversation, and God. Come bring your questions, your curiosity, and pull up a chair. Be ready to engage with people of varying religious traditions, philosophical perspectives and life experiences. You'll be able to share your own wrestlings and thoughts while learning something new along the way.

The upstairs at **Taphouse 23** has been reserved starting at 6:30 PM for anyone ordering food. At 7:15 PM we will begin the discussion. If you can't join us for a meal, please come at 7:15 for the discussion.

Please Note: The servers will issue a separate check for each person in attendance with an 18% gratuity added on. Appetizers range from \$8 to \$12—Burgers & Sandwiches range from \$10 to \$18—Entrées range from \$18 to \$33

**For a full menu please check their website at [www.taphouse23.com](http://www.taphouse23.com)**

Taphouse 23 has a small parking lot. On street parking is also available.  
Please contact Karen Reimet with any questions: [karenreimet@gmail.com](mailto:karenreimet@gmail.com)  
Pub Theology description from website: [pubtheology.com](http://pubtheology.com)





### Do you make purchases from any of these retailers?



Good Shepherd continues to participate in the Shop With Scrip gift card program. The revenue has enabled the church to participate in additional programs and make purchases that are not included in the annual budget. In 2016 we were able to renovate the "sprinkler room" as office area for our Vicar, Rachel Scheible



The process is simple. You can request any of the gift cards at any time, however, gift card orders are placed on the first Sunday of each month. (To view a complete list of retailers who participate in this program, visit ShopWithScrip.com via the internet). Write a check payable to Good Shepherd for the total amount of the face value of the cards and place your order and check in the offering plate clearly marked "gift card order". There are also order forms available in the file drawer of the credenza in the mail slot labeled "Gift Cards". The cards will be available on the second Sunday of each month. A percentage of the sale will benefit Good Shepherd and the percentages range from 1% to 20% depending on the retailer you select. At the end of the year you will receive a statement with a total of all the rebates from the cards you have purchased in 2017 and that amount can be used as a deduction on your 2017 income tax if you itemize.



Also know that money used from the Shop With Scrip account receives approval from the Church Council before any expenditures are made. There is considerable thought given to those purchases.

If you have any additional questions, you may call the church office or contact Nancy Brown (610.337.4951).



### CONTINUE TO "LIKE" US ON FACEBOOK!

Do you have a Facebook page? Look for Good Shepherd's page and hit the "LIKE" button. When a Good Shepherd post appears on your Facebook page, it can be seen by all of those who view your page. In other words, Good Shepherd can be viewed by hundreds after a post is made and you hit "share". If you have a Facebook page, check us out! This is a great way to spread the word about what's happening at your church.

### HEARTS & HANDS

Please join the ladies of Hearts & Hands each Wednesday from 10:00AM. to 2:00PM. planning activities and working on mission projects. The third Wednesday morning of each month we are truly blessed to have Pastor John Kerr lead us in Bible study in the church library. For more information please contact Barbara Schneider at 610-265-5976 or bfschn@gmail.com or the church office at 610-265-4545 or gskopstaff@verizon.net.



### CHURCH CALENDAR

Please visit the church website [www.gskop.org](http://www.gskop.org) to view the up-to-date calendar. The calendar can be found under the heading "Participate".

## GIFT & MEMORIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Our major purchase during this period was a much needed new stove for our kitchen in Founders Hall. This was paid for by the Pat Hand Memorial Fund and the generosity of Lisa Hand. Thanks to all those who gave gifts in memory of Pat which helped make this possible.

We also purchased a large print hymnal in memory of Ed Reilly. Plans are underway to buy a bench for the playground as well as other items as we continue to receive gifts in memory of Ed.

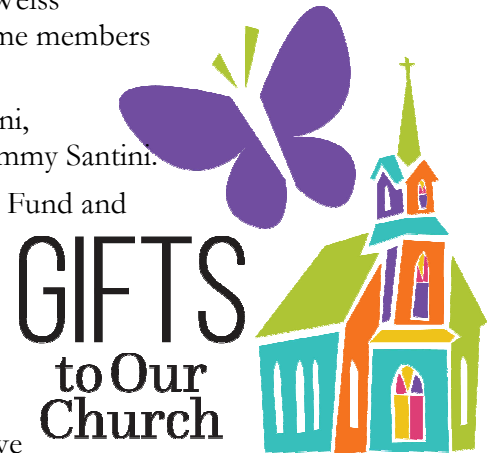
Money was also received in memory of Elsie Quam, (mother of Linda Quam), Tom Dorman (father of Debbie Brady), Herm Schaeff (father of Kerstin Zadrejko), and Bishop Harold Weiss (father of Liz Smith). Gifts were also given in loving memory of long time members William Sansalone, Marilyn Loos and Russ Polinka.

Special gifts were received in honor of the marriage of Daniel & FC Pirani, in honor of "Loved Ones" and in honor of the First Communion of Tommy Santini.

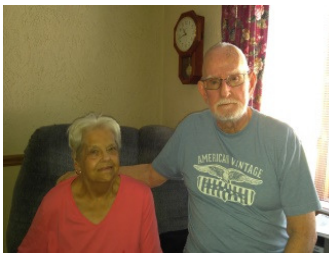
Suggestions have been made by the Sansalone family for the use of Bill's Fund and discussions are underway to decide on the most appropriate purchase.

A decision on the use of the Marilyn Loos Fund will be made in conjunction with Hearts and Hands, Pastor and the Church Council. All memorial money will be used in the best manner possible to enrich and support our ministry at Good Shepherd as well as enhance our property.

We are grateful for the families who designated Good Shepherd to receive the memorial gifts in memory of their loved ones. We are thankful for the generosity of our members and friends for their gifts. On special occasions we encourage everyone to consider honoring or remembering family and friends with a gift to the Gift and Memorial Fund. These discretionary funds help provide services and items that are not included in the annual budget.



## REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS



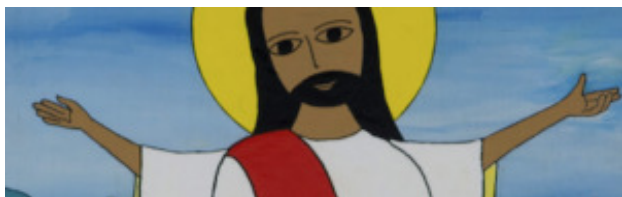
"Send our best regards to our Good Shepherd family" said Pat and Joe Morgan to their Lydia's Visitor. Pat and Joe have been members of Good Shepherd since they moved here with their children many years ago. They have been unable to attend regularly since some health problems a couple of years ago. Pat misses spending time with the ladies of Hearts and Hands and Joe with the men's prayer group but they enjoy their visits with our Lydia's Visitors and are very happy to receive communion. This way



they still feel a connection to the church community. In our visits to homebound members we hear so often that they remember good times and the good people of Good Shepherd and are grateful that they still feel a part of our faith community. Another homebound member, June Bachman, proudly pointed out to me on a recent visit, the centerpiece that was made for and given to her by the ladies of Hearts and Hands for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It sits in a prominent spot in her room at the facility.

Our Lydia's Visitors bring smiles to the faces of our homebound members and they bring smiles to us! Due to chronic illness or physical disability our homebound members are unable to leave their homes and are therefore unable to join us at worship. However, they still want very much to be a part of the Good Shepherd community. A visit from another member of the Good Shepherd community helps not only to ease the loneliness, but also bring spiritual comfort through prayer, a loving touch and just knowing that others care. Experience the rewards of knowing that just being there with someone brought a smile to their face and brightened their day. All it takes is a commitment for 1 visit per month, following a 2-part training. Eucharistic ministry training is optional. Call Janice Rackovan at 610-935-7247 if interested.

## LUTHERANS and CATHOLICS TO MARK REFORMATION ANNIVERSARY



Lutherans and Catholics will mark the **500th Anniversary of the Reformation** with an ecumenical seminar and worship on **Saturday, October 21st**, from **9:30am to 2pm** at **Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansdale**.

The event – *1517-2017, From Conflict to Communion – Together in Hope* – features a seminar highlighting the common commemoration between Lutherans and Catholics for this anniversary. **The Rev. Donald McCoid**, Bishop Emeritus of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, and **Dr. John Borelli** of Georgetown University will lift up the significant theological progress promoting recent movement toward unity in Christ between Lutherans and Catholics.

Bishop Emeritus McCoid served as the Executive for Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) from 2008-2016. He served as the Bishop of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod from 1987 until 2007.

A renowned Catholic theologian, Dr. Borelli is Special Assistant for Catholic Identity and Dialogue to President John J. DeGioia of Georgetown University. He is also the Coordinator for Dialogue and Relations for the Jesuit Conference of the United States and Canada.

After lunch we will worship together following the Service of Repentance and Reconciliation held in October 2016 led by Pope Francis and Bishop Munib Younan, President of the Lutheran World Federation in Lund, Sweden.

**The Rev. Dr. Peter Donahue**, President of Villanova University and an Augustinian priest (like Martin Luther), will be the preacher. **Bishop Claire Burkat** will be the liturgist, along with lay and clergy participants.

Cost for the day is \$15 including lunch. Register by going to: <https://community.ministrylink.org/togetherinhope>. You may also sign up for MinistryLink emails for further information.



### BAPTISM

September 17, 2017

*Abigail Riley Damm*

Daughter of Justin and Kimberly Damm  
Granddaughter of Cathy Reilly



### BAPTISM

September 24, 2017

*Zane Michael Serafin*

Son of of Michael and Bonnie Serafin  
Grandson of Jean Hayden



In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life we share the news of the passing of Good Shepherd members:

*Bill Sansalone † May 25, 2017*

### SAVE THE DATE FOR THE WOMEN'S RETREAT

For the Women of Good Shepherd and their Friends — February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018



The retreat will begin on Friday evening at 7:00pm and end Saturday afternoon at 2:30pm. It will be held at the Franciscan Spirituality Center, 609 S. Covent Road, Aston, PA— about 25 miles from Good Shepherd. The cost is \$80 which includes lodging and breakfast and lunch on Saturday additional information to follow.



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#### FALL OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday 9:00 A.M. – Noon  
beginning October 1st

#### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30 and 11:00 A.M. Worship Services  
Education Hour—9:45 A.M.  
(This schedule begins Sunday, September 10th)

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