

## The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

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# The Shepherd's News

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Spring 2017

Brothers and Sisters,

On Transfiguration Sunday our children put the Alleluia's in the box, along with the Alleluia balloon, for 40 long days. The tradition of the church dictates that we won't sing or let the word Alleluia touch our lips until the Son rises on Easter morning. During this penitential season of Lent we will hold the word in our hearts. We won't sing Alleluia during our gospel acclamation or include hymns or other music with the word Alleluia in our worship service during Lent.

The omission of the word Alleluia during Lent goes back to at least the 5th century in the western church. The custom of actually bidding it farewell or even burying a scroll containing the word developed in the Middle Ages. In the 15th century, there is a written record of French choir boys carrying a small coffin containing the word "Alleluia" out of the church in procession and burying it in the churchyard. A 12th century Bishop wrote "We part from Alleluia as from a beloved friend, whom we embrace many times and kiss before we leave him."

There are two exceptions to this rule. One ... the choir is permitted to sing the word, but only on Thursday nights during choir rehearsal. And there is one other time ... at funerals. Of course, we hope that we will not have a funeral during Lent, but if we do, we will suspend our Alleluia fast. We will find ourselves proclaiming Easter texts like, I am the Resurrection and the life ... and I know that my redeemer lives ... and whether we live, or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

During Sundays in Lent, there are no flowers on the altar, but if we have a funeral, flowers will adorn the sanctuary and the paschal candle, that has been put away for Lent, will be brought out and lit. Why? Because a funeral during Lent takes us to the heart of our faith, which is not about any one of us (our worthiness or unworthiness) but about the unfathomable grace and power of a Risen Savior who calls us to himself, and gathers us together to receive the promise that we received in our baptism. And so whether in Lent, or not in Lent, "even at the grave, we make our song, 'Alleluia.'" With our Alleluias we say, Death will not have the last word ... not for Jesus and not for us.

Join us for a glorious Lent at Good Shepherd. Come and worship with us on Sundays and join us on Wednesdays for a simple supper of soup and bread. And then come for a brief worship service, "Holden: Prayer Around the Cross." Help us welcome our guest preachers who will be speaking about water running through scripture.

And then come on Easter Morning! We will release our Alleluia balloon just as Jesus is released from the tomb and we will let the Alleluias rip! Blessings to you as you keep a holy Lent.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Julie DeWerth



## The Shepherd's News Spring 2017

### JUNE · JULY · AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE...Wednesday, May 3rd

Please submit your articles to the Church Office using pink form in "forms" slot in front of mail cart. Place forms in "Office" slot or email your print ready article to [gskopstaff@verizon.net](mailto:gskopstaff@verizon.net).

**OFFICE HOURS**  
**Monday – Friday**  
**9:00 A.M. – Noon**

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30 and 11:00 A.M. Worship Services  
Education Hour—9:45 A.M.

May 7th-Good Shepherd Sunday-One service at 10:00 A.M.—60th Anniversary  
Summer Worship Schedule begins May 28, 2017—One Service—9:30A.M.

Pastor—Julie DeWerth 610-308-2675  
Vicar—Rachel Scheible 610-265-4545  
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For  
by  
**GRACE**  
you  
have  
been  
**saved**  
through faith.

EPHESIANS 2:8, NRSV



## Lent at Good Shepherd

### Our Lenten season at Good Shepherd begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1st, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

Pastor Julie DeWerth is presiding and there will be Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes.

Soup supper begins at 6:00 P.M.

Each week during Lent a different Good Shepherd Committee will prepare soup and bread for all. The meal is held in Founders Hall. All are invited!

**March 1st - Hearts & Hands \* March 8th - Church Council**  
**March 15th - Worship & Music \* March 22nd - Sunday School and Youth**  
**March 29th - Open Sign up \* April 5th - Open Sign up**

Following the meal, we will worship using **Holden: Prayer Around the Cross.**

**Prayer Around the Cross** is a meaningful devotional prayer service. It is a contemplative service filled with music, scripture and silence. It is reminiscent of Taize style worship. The music will include congregational singing, as well as special music by soloists or ensembles each week. We hope you will find these Lenten services meaningful and engaging.

### Our theme this year is:

### “Rivers and Streams Running Through Scripture”

March 8th —Rev. Jerry Tancredi, Centennial Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kimberton, PA  
 March 15th —Rev. Blake H. Wamester, Christ Episcopal Church, Denton, MD (ELCA Interim)  
 March 22nd —Rev. Dr. Phil Krey, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Perkasio, PA  
 March 29th —Rev. Arlene Greenwald (ELCA Interim)  
 April 5th —Rev. Daniel V. Biles, Advent Lutheran Church, York, PA (ELCA Interim)

#### Sunday · April 9, 2017 † PALM SUNDAY

Worship 8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.  
 9:45 A.M. — Education Hour

#### Thursday · April 13, 2017 † MAUNDY THURSDAY

Worship 7:00 P.M. † *Sacrament of Holy Communion*  
*Stripping of the Altar*

#### Friday · April 14, 2017 † GOOD FRIDAY

Worship 7:00 P.M.

#### Sunday · April 16, 2017

#### † THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD †

Worship 8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

#### *Sacrament of Holy Communion*

*with The Chancel Choir and Good Shepherd Orchestra*

No Sunday School Classes

Easter Brunch 9:30 – 10:30 A.M.  
 in Founders Hall

### EASTER FLOWERS

This is a wonderful way to honor or remember someone at Easter. Envelopes for the Easter Flowers are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please include the names of the people you would like to remember or honor. The cost of each plant is \$10. Envelopes may be placed in the offering plate.



During the last quarter of 2016 we continued to receive gifts in memory of Edward Reilly, husband of Cathy Reilly. Gifts to Hearts & Hands in memory of Mary Ann (Pat) Hand, long time member of Good Shepherd and mother of Lisa Hand, continued to flow in and were acknowledged.

Memorial funds were used to cover the cost of replating the communion flagons. Suggestions have been made by the Reilly family for the use of the Ed Reilly fund and discussions are underway to decide on the most appropriate purchases. A decision on the use of the Pat Hand fund will be made in conjunction with Hearts and Hands and the Hand family. All 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. The needs of Good Shepherd are many and these discretionary funds help provide services and items that are not included in the annual budget.

### Remember our Homebound Member: June Bachman

Every Sunday we pray for our homebound members, who regularly prays for us as well. June Bachman lived for many years here in King of Prussia. Over a year ago she moved to a facility where she could receive more help with daily living activities and be closer to her daughter. Our Lydia's Visitors visit her regularly and they always come away with a smile. June is always full of joy! She enjoys all the activities she can now participate in, including her daily Bingo games. She misses her home in King of Prussia and Good Shepherd. On a recent visit she told stories of worshiping in the old township building before our church was built. She and her husband were just a few months short of being actual founding members! When they moved into our first building, now known as Founders Hall, she said they were so excited. So please remember June in your prayers, as she remembers us.

### Screening of “Poverty, Inc”

We are hosting a free screening of the award-winning documentary, Poverty, Inc. on Wednesday, May 10th, from 7-9pm. Drawing from more than 200 interviews filmed in 2 countries, Poverty, Inc. unearths an uncomfortable side of charity we can no longer ignore. From TOMs Shoes to international adoptions, from solar panels to U.S. agricultural subsidies, the film challenges each of us to ask the tough question: Could I be part of the problem? And implores us to think differently about how we can help. Professor Carol Anthony from Villanova University will lead a discussion after the screening.

The event is free but RSVP s are requested to [jlyons001@yahoo.com](mailto:jlyons001@yahoo.com) or on the event page that can be found on Good Shepherd's Facebook page.

### “Laughter: For The Health of It” Manna Monday, April 24th—6:00 P.M. Elaine M. Lundberg, M.A.



*If They're Laughing, They Just Might Be Listening and No More Bummers!*  
 Her philosophy of life (and titles of her books), applies to the work place, the church, the home and the world. Her popular presentations educate, motivate and help anyone concerned with wellness and stress management learn to effectively incorporate positive humor into their lives. Come prepared to “lighten up” and learn how to nurture and share your gifts of joy, mirth and laughter!

“A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: But a broken spirit drieth the bones.” Proverbs 17:22



# CHURCH Anniversary PREPARATIONS

## GOOD SHEPHERD CELEBRATION Sixty Years of Service 1957—2017 Good Shepherd Sunday—May 7, 2017

On Sunday May 7th Good Shepherd will celebrate 60 years of ministry on the hill!

The first Sunday of May is designated as Good Shepherd Sunday and the anniversary celebration will be recognized at a **single service at 10:00 A.M.** Pastor Greg Wenhold will deliver the morning message and the worship service will be followed by a luncheon in Founders Hall. All friends and family of Good Shepherd, past and present, are invited to join us for this special celebration.



The Anniversary Committee has been busy organizing the event which will honor the past, present and future of this congregation. If you have pictures of happenings at Good Shepherd, or a memory to share, you may email the church office (gskopstaff@verizon.net) or you may leave them in the Anniversary Box located on the credenza in the Narthex.

**All are invited to join us May 7th for this milestone occasion.**



### Mary Hunter Scholarship

Established to honor her memory, this scholarship will be available to any graduating high school senior and/or Good Shepherd Seminarian that is a confirmed member of our congregation.

Eligible members should contact the church office to obtain the scholarship application. The application, as well as the required supporting documents, must be submitted in full no later than **April 1st** to be considered. Completed applications are to be submitted to Amanda Fleischer, the Congregational Council Secretary, by way of the church office or directly via email to amanda\_fleischer@verizon.net. Please know that incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Recipients of the Mary Hunter Scholarship will be notified by May 1st.

### “Forward Together in Faith” Campaign— Thank You from our Bishop



SEPA Synod

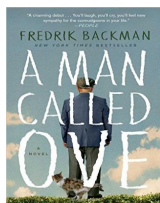
Dear Pastor DeWerth and the Saints of Good Shepherd,

On behalf of a grateful synod, I thank you for your generous pledge of \$6,000 toward our vital Forward Together in Faith campaign. Your pledge is already making a significant impact on the future of our church. The Church of Jesus Christ is blessed by your pledge, which will be multiplied for future generations for years to come.

With and in Christ,  
The Rev. Clair S. Burkat, Bishop

### SAVE THE DATE:

The next book club is Wednesday, May 3, 2017.  
The book title is *A Man Named Ove*, by Fredrik Backman.....*Time to get reading.*



### Message from Vicar Rachel

**March madness is here!** Normally the term ‘March madness’ applies to basketball. However, I think it is also descriptive of the Church as well. During the month of March we are in Lent. Lent – the season of self reflection, repentance and special devotion. In the midst of a society which teaches us to put self first and grab all you can get, the Christian church has a season to **deny yourself and put others first.** If that is not enough, at the end of that season the Church proclaims that a person came back to life after having been dead for three days! March madness indeed!

When God enters our lives, he turns all of our basic assumptions upside down. Jesus continues to be a radical revolutionary. If we listen to his teachings and seek to follow him we will often be at odds with the society around us. People will see us as odd – maybe even mad. The wisdom of the world is made foolishness before God. God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. Let us continue in our ‘March madness’ that Christ may be proclaimed and the Gospel lived out until Christ comes again.

Grace and Peace,  
Vicar Rachel

### Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15th \* 10:00A.M.—11:00A.M. in Founders Hall  
Breakfast & Crafts will be from 10:00 to 10:40.  
The Easter Bunny & photos will be from 10:15 to 10:40.  
Easter Egg hunt will begin promptly at 10:45 and will finish quickly, so don’t be late. Please bring a basket to collect goodies.

R.S.V.P.—to the church office By Wednesday, April 12th 610-265-4545

or by email [gskopstaff@verizon.net](mailto:gskopstaff@verizon.net)



### EASTER EGG HUNT DONATIONS NEEDED

Donations of candy are needed to fill the plastic eggs. We have plenty of plastic eggs. Candy can be brought to the church office by Wednesday, April 12th.

Thank you!



### Easter Morning— Brunch will be served in Founders Hall

We are asking the congregation to bring breakfast casseroles, bagels and toppings, fruit and/or veggie trays, or something that you would enjoy eating on Easter morning. The Fellowship Committee will provide coffee, tea, orange juice, apple juice, etc. It is a wonderful time of fellowship on a joyous morning.



In 2016 we received a total of \$1,401 from the Thrivent Choice program. We are **grateful** for these deposits to Good Shepherd’s operating fund by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. If you would like more information about how to be a part of Thrivent for Lutherans, please call the church office.



February 5th was a SUPER Souper Bowl Sunday! Over \$500 was collected to assist those in need in our community. In addition to the donations, the shopping cart was filled. **Thank you** for your continued generosity.

### ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

The annual meeting was held on January 29th. Following the luncheon, which was hosted by the Fellowship Committee, the business meeting began. The reports of all of the church committees were reviewed. Thanks was given to Rob Bubeck, John Kendig and Ed Price for their years of service on the Church Council. The newly elected members are John Dolan, Harry Feliciano and Lisa Hand. Bill Loane is beginning his second term. The 2017 budget was reviewed and approved. If you were unable to attend the meeting and would like a copy of the annual report, please contact the church office.

The 2017 Council met and was organized as follows:

- Bill Loane**, President—Outreach
- Dennis Hosgood**, Vice-President—Personnel
- Amanda Fleischer**, Secretary—Youth Support
- Karen Lehman**, Treasurer
- Ivana Anderson**—Evangelism
- Marilynn Anton**—Fellowship
- John Dolan**—Finance
- Harry Feliciano**—Property
- Sue Groff**—Christian Education
- Lisa Hand**—Stewardship
- Daniel Pirani**—Memorial
- Cathy Reilly**—Preschool
- Liz Smith**—Worship & Music



Council members' names appear in bold print and are a liaison to the committee which appears next to their name. The Council will be installed at the 11 AM Worship Service on March 12, 2017.

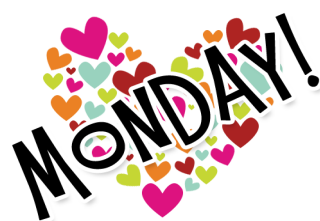
### Monday's at Good Shepherd

First Monday of the Month is Pub Theology at 6:30 P.M.  
March 6th, April 3rd and May 1st

Second Monday of the Month is Committee Meetings  
Please check if your committee is meeting  
March 13th, April 10th and May 8th

Third Monday of the Month is Council Meeting at 7:30 P.M.  
March 20th, April 17th and May 15th

Fourth Monday of the Month is Manna Monday at 6:00 P.M.  
April 24th and May 22nd (no Manna Monday in March)



### GOOD SHEPHERD—BLOOD DRIVE Friday, March 24th, 2017—2:00–7:00 P.M.

We are in search of 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! There will be sign-up opportunities in the church Narthex soon. Kendra Zadrejko is coordinating this event. *Thank you for considering this vital outreach!*



### MARCH OUTREACH—BEAR CREEK CAMP

*Bear Creek Camp and Conference Center* is a ministry of the Northeastern and Southeastern Pennsylvania Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The facilities are open year-round, as a co-ed resident Summer Camp during the summer months, and as a Conference and Environmental Center the rest of the year. Bear Creek has a traditional camp program centered on spiritual growth, outdoor exploration, and small group development. The camp serves children age 4 through those who have completed 12th grade. Please visit [bearcreek.org](http://bearcreek.org) for more information.



It isn't too soon to start thinking about Summer Camp. Remember...there is a **discount** for those who register by **April 30th**. There is an additional discount because Lisa Santini and Liz Smith are this year's Bear Creek Camp Ambassadors. Please see Liz or Lisa for more information or contact the church office.

*Checks may be made payable to Good Shepherd and placed in a pew envelope marked "Outreach."*

### APRIL OUTREACH—UNITED LUTHERAN SEMINARY



For more than 150 years, the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (LTSP) has sought "to educate and form public leaders who are committed to developing and nurturing individual believers and communities of faith for engagement in the world." Good Shepherd has had a long relationship with LTSP. Many of our pastors have been educated there. Our own Ruth Bullwinkle received her theological education there before being ordained. We have been the place where more than a handful of students have received their practical training ... currently Vicar Rachel Scheible. Last August, the seminary announced that it would join with the Lutheran Theological Seminary of Gettysburg (LTSG) to create one consolidated school, the United Lutheran Seminary. For the time being, the school will keep both campuses open. During the month of April, our outreach dollars will go to help support the United Lutheran Seminary.

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### MAY OUTREACH—BABY MANNA



Each year 12,000 babies are born into poverty in southeast Pennsylvania. Many of these infants are reared by caregivers who are unable to nurse. Tragically, during the first year, many caregivers are unable to afford infant formula and resort to diluting formula with water, introducing cow's milk too early, or starting babies on solid foods prematurely. Consequences of this type of malnutrition are often devastating and permanent, affecting the babies' physical, mental and social growth. **100% of the money received from the annual Baby Manna collection is used by Philabundance to purchase infant formula and baby food.** Baby Manna raises funds to purchase infant formula and baby food for babies born into poverty in our five county Philadelphia area.

*Checks may be made payable to Good Shepherd and placed in a pew envelope marked "Outreach."*



### GIRL SCOUTS

will be recognized on Sunday, March 12th at both services. Special patches will be given to the participating Scouts.



### GOOD SHEPHERD PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Registration has begun for the 2017-2018 school year. Classes are available for children ages 2 through 5. Contact Diane Smith at 610-265-0733 for more information.



### Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – Game night for all youth and friends.

Grades 5 – 12 from 7-9pm in the Youth Room  
We will provide pizza and ask that youth bring a snack to share.

### Saturdays—April 1st and April 22nd

ELCA sponsored events for youth to work to help the community. Details will follow regarding the activities on each of the dates.



### Zoo and Zipline Adventure—Sunday, May 21st



Family event to Elmwood Park Zoo after the 11am service. Once again, we will participate in the zip line held within the zoo. If you are not interested in zip lining, please join us to see the sights of the zoo. Details will follow with specifics.

### SAVE THE DATE: July 10-14, 2017!



For summer 2017, we are excited to again be working with the Bear Creek Camp Day Camp staff. Mark your calendars now: VBS (Day Camp!) will be held **July 10-14, 2017!** The program will run daily from **9am - 3pm**, and children entering Kindergarten through entering 6th grade are eligible to attend. The cost will be \$50 per child with a family maximum of \$125 for the week. Please note that we will not be offering a lunch this year. We will,

however, provide a morning and an afternoon snack. We have an enrollment limit of 48 participants, and we don't want you to miss out!

#### WHAT WE NEED:

Evening meal hosts, Kitchen support staff, Volunteers to support our safe space requirements and Host families for the counselors.

Payment is not due at this time. For members of the Good Shepherd congregation, please let the office know if your children) will be attending no later than March 29th. Beginning March 30th, we will open registration up to non-member families in our community. Registration forms with additional details will be mailed on a later date. The Good Shepherd office can be reached by phone (610.265.4545) or by email (gskostaff@verizon.net). Please do not hesitate to contact Amanda Fleischer directly (amanda\_fleischer@verizon.net) if you have any questions.



### The Music Ministries of Good Shepherd

As we enter Lent, the music at Good Shepherd will take a more somber and reflective tone; allowing us to reflect and pray upon our lives as we prepare for the joy of Easter Sunday.

For our Wednesday night services this year, beginning on March 8th, we will be using a new service called **Holden: Prayer Around the Cross**. This is a meaningful devotional prayer service filled with music, scripture and silence. It is reminiscent of the Taize style worship. The music will not only include congregational singing, but also special music by soloists or ensembles; including instrumental duets and solos, vocal solos, and the Chancel Ringers.

On Palm Sunday our music will include congregational singing of Faure's "The Palms", The Chancel Choir will offer an upbeat anthem, and The Chancel Ringers will ring a dynamic musical offering.

The solemn Holy Week services will include special music by The Chancel Choir on Maundy Thursday, and several moving pieces on Good Friday.

And then, we arrive at Easter! He is Risen! The members of Good Shepherd will share their musical talents; the Orchestra will play and the choir will sing....be sure to get to church a little early for the special prelude before each service.

As always, it's going to be a great season of meaningful music here at Good Shepherd, and as we enter Lent, remember the story of the cross, and a verse from the hymn, "Sing, My Tongue" (ELW 356 verse 1)

*Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle; tell the triumph far and wide; tell aloud the wondrous story of the cross, the Crucified; tell how Christ, the world's redeemer, vanquished death the day he died.*

Yours in Song,  
Ross

### Yoga with Centering Prayer—Wednesdays, April 19th and May 17th



Yoga is a great way to prepare your body and mind to be still for prayer. If you have ever wondered how something like meditation would fit into your faith practice, we will be sharing the basics of Centering Prayer. 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. **Yoga with a professional instructor** from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. If you did not pay the \$80 for all sessions, each session is \$15. **Centering Prayer (facilitated by members of Good Shepherd Church)** from 8:00pm to 8:20pm is free. Questions? Contact Hele Vondra at helevondra@hotmail.com.

**Please bring a yoga mat.** (To help make some stretches more comfortable, 2 yoga blocks are recommended and a strap or belt or towel is suggested. Class is held in Founders Hall.)

### Gift Received!



Please accept this donation (\$500) towards any repair or enhancement that may be needed now or in the future on the Carillon Bells. I live and work within 3 blocks of the church and the music is the only God fearing thing in King of Prussia anymore. I pray the songs touch the inner part of others to always remember Christ and what He has done. May God bless the congregation as you listen and discern and follow God's will in all things. To God be all the Glory! Your sister in Christ, Marie Maharty



**On January 29th we welcomed new members to Good Shepherd!**



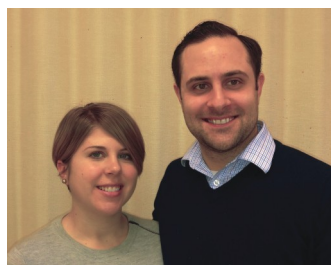
Leonard Hilton, Joan Fern, Bruce Hilton  
Edward Hilton & Judy Hilton



Andy & Melanie Restad  
Estelle and Hazel



Welcome  
Our New  
Members



Rebecca & Michael Cangiano



Jean Ehlinger



Monica Loschiavo



Lauren Langschwager  
Kate McGovern

Not Pictured

Christopher Loschiavo, Michael Loschiavo,  
Dylan Langschwager, Pat Langschwager,  
Robert Hill, Liam Rupp, Troy DeStefano,  
Brigette (Kitty) Schultz, Mike Serafin,  
Remy Cangiano, Bruce Hilton, Jr.



Bonnie Serafin  
Jean Hayden

**Baptisms**

**William Bradley Dingman**

born September 27, 2016  
son of  
Dan and Shannon Dingman  
Baptism December 4, 2016



**Aliza Jasper Ishaq**

born August 23, 2016  
daughter of  
Jasper Ishaq and Shaghuftha Barkat  
Baptism January 8, 2017

**Remy Cangiano**

born December 24, 2016  
son of  
Michael and Rebecca Cangiano  
Baptism April 30, 2017

**HEARTS & HANDS**

Please join the ladies of Hearts & Hands each Wednesday from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. as we plan activities and work on mission projects. Our patterns for blankets, afghans, sweaters and pillow cases designated by Linus, World Vision and Con-Kerr Cancer are simple. If you enjoy sewing, knitting or crocheting please consider joining us in creating these worthy 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 schn2@webtv.net or the church office at 610-265-4545 or gskopstaff@verizon.net.

**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST AND FELLOWSHIP**  
**Saturdays—March 11<sup>th</sup> \* April 8<sup>th</sup> \* May 13<sup>th</sup>**

Join us for the Men's Fellowship Breakfast in Founders Hall at 9:00 A.M. for some food and a time of fellowship with your Christian brothers.



**MANOR CARE WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**Sunday—April 30<sup>th</sup>**

Good Shepherd will host a brief worship service for the residents at Manor Care, (600 W. Valley Forge Road) on **Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**. Children, youth and adults—all are welcome (and needed!) to assist in this outreach ministry. We hope that you will open your heart and consider this ministry opportunity. We meet in the lobby of Manor Care at 2:20 P.M. The service concludes at 3:00 P.M.

**FEEDING THE HUNGRY—CASSEROLE DAY—March 18<sup>th</sup>**

Join us for Casserole Day on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at **8 A.M.** It takes ten to fifteen people to help feed over 200 people. Consider it a great activity to do with the whole family. Even school aged children can help in our assembly line by putting together bag lunches. Older kids can help make PB & J sandwiches. You do not need to commit in advance. Join us for an hour or two. Adults and teens can help in the kitchen. We also need 2-3 people willing to drive the casseroles and bag lunches to Germantown and help carry them into the kitchen. Please call Joan Jenaway if you are able to help at 610-337-7264.



**THE 2017 CONFIRMATION CLASS**

An important part of the confirmation program at Good Shepherd involves meeting with the pastor for a number of Sunday afternoons during their 9<sup>th</sup> grade year. We will be touching on the different parts of Martin Luther's Small Catechism.

The last Sunday we will be meeting is **April 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Class will be held from 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm in the Church Library. We ask that the confirmands attend worship on the day that the class is meeting. There will be times that we discuss what happened during the service.



**First Communion— Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

God's blessing to our young people as they continue on their faith journeys!  
*Claire Kendig, Anja Montich, Tommy Santini, Dylan Smith*

