

The Shepherd's News

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Spring 2015

Brothers and Sisters,

One of the greatest theologians the world has ever known, St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430), wrote about his prolonged, drawn-out search for God and the revelation he finally had that God had been with him all along:

“I have learnt to love you late, Beauty at once so ancient and so new! I have learnt to love you late! You were within me, and I was in the world outside myself. I searched for you outside myself.... You were with me, but I was not with you.”

Confessions, Book X.27

These forty days of Lent serve as a time for us to return to the sacred presence, to the God who has never left us, even though at times we have been far away. Lent is a time to renew the classic disciplines of prayer and reflection, as well as the ancient practices of fasting and reading of scripture. All of this is designed to renew a right spirit within us and to prepare us for the events of Jesus' death and resurrection at Easter.

And so during this season of Lent, I invite you to join your brothers and sisters at Good Shepherd to observe a Holy Lent. On Transfiguration Sunday the children helped us seal up the Alleluias in a box marked, “Do Not Open until Easter.” And beginning on Ash Wednesday, our worship space has been transformed ... there are no flowers on the altar and a purple sash is draped on the large Good Shepherd cross in the center of the chancel. There will be no postlude as we leave worship.

We will gather on Sunday mornings and then again on Wednesday evenings throughout Lent. On Wednesdays there will be a simple soup supper, followed by worship using “Holden Evening Prayer.” We will hear from a host of preachers, each speaking on “A Tree Planted in Scripture”. It will be a glorious Lent. Come and enter in ... rediscover the God who has never left you and travels right along side you during these forty days.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Julie

Pastor Julie DeWerth



Sunday · March 29, 2015 † PALM SUNDAY

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

Thursday · April 2, 2015 † MAUNDY THURSDAY

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

Friday · April 3, 2015 † GOOD FRIDAY

Worship 7:00 P.M.



Sunday · April 5, 2015

† THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD †

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

Sacrament of Holy Communion

*with The Chancel Choir, Good Shepherd Orchestra
and Handbells*

No Sunday School Classes

Easter Brunch 9:30 – 10:30 A.M.

Easter Egg Hunt for the children
Gather in Founders Hall—10:30 A.M.
(Bring your Easter basket to collect eggs!)



Lent at Good Shepherd



Our Lenten season at Good Shepherd Continues:

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 the newly named "Founders Hall".

All are invited!

March 4th - Worship & Music * March 11th - Sunday School and Youth

March 18th - Open Sign up * March 25th - Open Sign up

Following the meal, a worship service will take place in the Sanctuary featuring "Holden Evening Prayer" and special music each week.

Our theme this year is:

"Trees Planted Throughout Scripture"

Each week we will hear the words of a guest preacher as they speak of how the image of the tree grows through scripture. Each tree proclaims the message of hope and salvation.

March 4th — The Rev. Alex Martini

March 11th — The Rev. Karen De Werth-Wamester

March 18th — The Rev. Dr. Katie Day

March 25th — Seminarian Kat Steinly

Look for the Lenten Brochure in the narthex.

MUSIC News



The Music Ministries at 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 in preparation for Easter Sunday.

During the Wednesdays in Lent, we hold a service at 7pm. Each week we will use the beautiful *Holden Evening Prayer* Liturgy. We'll also have special music offerings each week from a number of Good Shepherd members, along with special guests.

As we approach Palm Sunday, the youth and families of Good Shepherd will offer a special song. During Holy Week, the Chancel Choir will sing on Maundy Thursday and Jamie Bubeck will play the clarinet on Good Friday.

Now, we arrive at Easter Sunday! He Is Risen! All of Good Shepherd's ensembles will be represented and will offer music at both services: the Chancel Choir will offer 2 anthems, the GS Orchestra will play, and handbells and trumpets will add their joyful sounds to our anthems and hymns.

It's going to be a full, diverse, and meaningful season of music here at Good Shepherd. Remember the words of ELW 342 "*There in God's Garden*" verse 6 as we enter this season.

*All heaven is singing, "Thanks to Christ whose passion offers in mercy:
healing, strength, and pardon. Peoples and nations, take it, take it freely!"
Amen! My Master!*

Yours in Song,
Ross Boerner

Families with Young Children

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

March 21st * 10:00AM-11:00AM

Founders Hall

R.S.V.P.—to the church office

610-265-4545



EASTER EGG HUNT EASTER MORNING

Gather in Founders Hall
(formerly fellowship hall) at
10:30 A.M. Bring your empty Easter Basket.

Donations of plastic eggs filled with candy (or
just plastic eggs...or mini wrapped candy)
can be brought to the church office.

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.



EASTER FLOWERS

There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex for Easter flowers and the cost for each plant is \$10. (There will be a variety of spring flowers in the sanctuary again this Easter.) There will be envelopes available on the kiosk for Easter flowers.

This is a wonderful way to honor or remember someone at Easter.

Use a pew envelope and include the names of those you are remembering.



ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

The annual meeting was held on January 25th. 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 Estelle Dolan and Barb Petroske for their years of service on the Church Council. The newly elected members are Marilynn Anton, Amanda Fleischer and Cathy Reilly. Daniel Pirani and Dennis Hosgood are beginning their own terms after finishing out terms of those who have left. The 2015 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 2015 Council met and was organized as follows:

Rob Bubeck, President—Property

John Kendig, Vice-President—Personnel

Dennis Hosgood, Secretary—Outreach

Karen Lehman, Treasurer

Marilynn Anton—Fellowship

Amanda Fleischer—Youth

Bill Loane—Stewardship

Daniel Pirani—Memorial

Ed Price—Finance

Cathy Reilly—Preschool

Tonya Reinbold—Evangelism

Liz Smith—Worship & Music

Kerstin Zadrejko—Christian Ed



Council members' names appear in bold print and are a liaison to the committee which appears next to their name.

HONORING OUR PAST

At their January meeting the Church Council voted unanimously to change the name of the Fellowship Hall in the education building to *Founders Hall*. What a wonderful way to honor those who had a vision of a Lutheran presence in the King of Prussia area over a half a century ago and worked to make their dream a reality!

2015 CHILI COOK-OFF



Many **thanks to all** who participated in making, tasting, judging and enjoying the wonderful chilis we had this year at the Youth Annual Chili Cook-Off! Held on Super Bowl Sunday, February 1st, our Founders Hall was alive with the smells of 11 different chilis. Our esteemed panel of judges – Charlie Biegalski, Mary Beth Bullwinkle, Andy Junttonen, Tom Lee, Dan Reinbold, Jeremiah Smith, MJ Weygand and Matt Weygand - had an array of fabulous homemade chilis this year to taste. We all "got our chili on"! Tons of toppings and bread helped to round out the meal! **After careful consideration it was decided that Tonya Reinbold's "Gobbler Chili" was the best and she was declared the**

winner (a repeat for her!). The Gastronomic Bowl will again sit on the shelf of honor along with Tonya's name in the Youth room. The bake sale and goodwill offering raised \$388.00 from this event and will be used to help fund the five youth—Charlie Biegalski, Willie Garrison, Elizabeth Herrmann Andy Junttonen and Eric Palmer—going to the ELCA's National Youth Gathering this summer in Detroit!





THE ROAD TO RWANDA IT'S GETTING SHORTER!

We're booked! The dates are official: we depart for Kigali on June 24, 2015, and will return to JFK on July 8, 2015. Amanda Fleischer, Jenn Lyons, Karen Reimet, Andy Junttonen, Dan Junttonen, Courtney Smith, Don Anton, and Pastor Julie will be making the long journey to share God's love with the children of the Nibakure Village and their surrounding community. Pastor Julie has been invited as a guest of the church, and all other traveling members have self funded their mission trip.

Our road has been a long one, and we're not quite there yet. It is truly amazing to witness how God's love can pull a group of people together. Over the past 17-18 months, we have worked together raising funds to benefit the village, all while reaching out to connect with our community here at home. There have been two

fundraisers at Ten Thousand Villages in the King of Prussia Mall; a spaghetti dinner; two donut sales; tables at community fairs and events promoting our church and the Nibakure village; a pancake breakfast; spring and fall yard sales; and a winter tea featuring the Snow Queen. We have future fundraising events planned as well: we will be hosting another spaghetti dinner on March 14, 2015, and we also anticipate a third yard sale in the spring on Saturday, May 30th.

A "plan" for what we will be doing in the village has not yet been solidified, but we do know that we want to connect with the kids every day on a personal level. We will be helping with homework, working on the English language, and making music together. It is also our hope to sponsor an event that will further build the connection between the village and their surrounding community. We want to let the people know that the world is a big place, and our wish is for them to grow and flourish in God's love and grace.



Spaghetti Dinner

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday, April 11 — 4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Founder's Hall (formerly Fellowship Hall)

Join us in Founders Hall, from 4PM - 7PM, for a great meal. Tickets will be available on Sundays following each service beginning in March. The menu includes salad, spaghetti (*including Marilynn's marvelous homemade meatballs*), bread, homemade desserts and beverages. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 2-10.

All proceeds will benefit the 2015 Mission Trip to Rwanda and the Nibakure Children's Village.


THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Thank you to all who helped support the Mission Trip to Rwanda by helping with or attending the "Tea with the Snow Queen" on Saturday, March 7th and by purchasing Krispy Kreme donuts.



February 1st was a SUPER Souper Bowl Sunday! Over \$847 was collected to assist those in need in our community. In addition to the donations, the shopping cart was filled to overflowing. **Thank you** for your continued generosity.



Adult Education

BIBLE BASICS

The Bible. We read from it every Sunday but I still have a lot of questions. How did we get it? Who wrote it? Why are there so many translations!? How am I supposed to read this thing!?!

Have you ever asked yourself one of the above questions? Are there things about the Bible you think you should know but are embarrassed to ask? I invite you to attend Adult Sunday school as our Seminarian Jeremiah Smith will lead a public forum on the Bible. This series will run on **3/1, 3/22** and **3/29**.

We will discuss the above questions and any that you may have. We will also be doing a close reading of the book of Ruth. Through our reading and discussion of Ruth the class will learn a vital but often overlooked way to read the Bible.

Please come and bring your questions. All questions are good questions and now is your chance to ask!



Mark your calendars! **On Sunday, March 8**, Rev. Bradley R. Burke, the Executive Director of Lutheran Charities, will join us at Good Shepherd for a very special worship service lifting up the extraordinary work of our local Lutheran service ministries. More stories of this powerful work will be shared during the educational hour as well. Please join Pastor Brad for a profile on the history and future of Lutheran service ministry in our region, as well as exciting stories about the many ways the ministries of Lutheran Charities make a life-changing difference in real people's lives each day. You won't want to miss it! Outreach funds for the month of March will go to support **Lutheran Charities**. Checks may be made payable to Good Shepherd and designated for "Outreach".

MY GIFT OF GRACE

A "human centered design firm" asked recently "how do we get people to talk about death?" They came up with a very creative solution that has people share answers to questions which include positive experience that can give meaning to those last few months. The firm, called Action Mill, came up with a card game that gets the conversation started. Having gone through the deaths of 2 loved ones myself recently, I could really see how this game could have helped my family. One family member did not talk about her wishes ahead of time and therefore the family was left with a lot of difficult discussions at the last minute. One of the things I like about the game is that it focuses more on the personal things that many of us have not thought about. In a group setting, you can share some laughter as well as some "I like that idea" moments that will really make you think. Of course, there will be tears at times as well. We would all benefit as a society from being more open to talking about death. I am sure that you would find that it would truly be a gift to share with your loved ones. Please join us to try a sample of this game on **Sunday, March 15th** during the Sunday School hour **9:45 – 10:45 AM in the church library**. Call Janice Rackovan at 610-935-7247 with questions. For now, though, I will leave you with some food for thought with one of the game's questions:

If you had three months to live, what would you give yourself permission to do?

HEARTS & HANDS

Please join the ladies Hearts & Hands each Wednesday from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. 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 sch2@webtv.net or the church office at 610-265-4545 or gskopstaff@verizon.net.

On Sunday, December 7th, 110 health kits were boxed and sent to Lutheran World Relief Headquarters in Baltimore, MD. From there they will travel to world wide destinations contributing to cleanliness, good hygiene and good grooming for those who receive them. **The ladies of Hearts & Hands wish to thank you, our fellow Good Shepherd members, for your generous support of this project**

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST AND FELLOWSHIP

Saturday—March 14th * April 11th * May 9th

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—March 29th and May 31st

Good Shepherd will host a brief worship service for the residents at Manor Care, (600 W. Valley Forge Road) on **Sunday, March 29th AND May 31st**. 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.

CENTERING PRAYER

MAY 2, 2015—FOUNDERS HALL—10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

"He says, 'Be still, and know that I am God'" Psalm 46:10

Come learn to rest in God through Centering Prayer. Sister Mary Walsh from the Franciscan Spiritual Center will teach us the basics of Centering Prayer. The class is free. Light lunch provided. If you are pressed for time, you could leave at noon and still get something out of the class. Please RSVP with either Hele Vondra (helevondra@hotmail.com) or Karen Reimet (karenreimet@gmail.com).

A NEW MEMBER CLASS — will be held on **May 3rd and 17th** during the education hour. Pastor Julie will be holding the classes for people interested in exploring membership at Good Shepherd. While new members will be received into membership at the 11:00 am service on **May 17th** *attending these classes does not commit you to joining*. Please contact the church office at 610-265-4545 or email, gskopstaff@verizon.net, if you are interested in attending.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS MAY 17TH—CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC COME CELEBRATE THE LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

To celebrate a successful program year, the church picnic will be held on May 17th immediately following the 11:00 A.M. service. This is the last Sunday of the season when there will be two services. The Summer worship schedule begins the following Sunday, May 24th, with one church service at 9:30 A.M.

BOY SCOUTS—were recognized at both worship services on February 8th. Special patches were given to the participating Scouts.



GIRL SCOUTS—will be recognized on March 8th.



**GOOD SHEPHERD
PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**

Registration has begun for the 2015-2016 school year. Classes are available for children ages 2 through 5. Contact Diane Smith at 610-265-0733 for more information.



FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN
Infants through 1st grade (older siblings are welcome)
Saturday, March 21, 2015 beginning at 10:00 A.M.
in Founders Hall

Pancakes will be served from 10:00 to 10:30. The Bunny will visit from 10:30 to 11:00! Please consider a donation of \$15 per family. Please RSVP by March 11th at gskopstaff@verizon.net or call the church office (610-265-4545) to sign up.



*The coolest week
of the summer!*
Vacation Bible School
July 20-24
9am to Noon



Contact Karen Lehman (610-337-7296) or Kerstin Zadrejko (610-265-1566) if you can help at one of the following **COOL** Stations. It's easy! The manuals tell you what to do and say.

Base Camp Sing & Play ♦ Imagination Station ♦ KidVid™ Cinema
Glacier Games ♦ Bible Expeditions ♦ Mountaintop Treats

Preschool Peak: Bible Adventures & Missions ♦ Craft & Play ♦ KidVid™ Cinema

We need Crew Leaders to help kids climb to great heights on an icy expedition.
 (1 per 5 or 6 Elementary kids and 1 per 2 or 3 Preschoolers)
Adults & youth are encouraged to gear up with us!
Youth must have completed 5th grade to be a crew leader.
Sign up on the kiosk if you can help.

Registration Forms will be available and mailed in the middle of May.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY—CASSEROLE DAY—March 28th and May 30th



Join us for Casserole Day on Saturday, March 28th and May 30th at 7 AM. 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.



MARCH OUTREACH

Outreach funds for the month of March will go to support **Lutheran Charities**. The Ministries of Lutheran Charities extend throughout Southeastern Pennsylvania and beyond, serving 1 in every 50 people each year. Their combined impact is staggering, and the difference they make in real people's lives each day is amazing. From inner city ministries, domestic violence programs, and intellectual disability services to non-profit retirement communities and compassionate senior care – the reach of these ministries is truly extraordinary. Please be sure to join us on March 8th at both services and during the education hour to hear from Pastor Bradley Burke (executive director) about the amazing things that we Lutherans are doing throughout the region, and how we can be even more involved.

APRIL OUTREACH

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 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. On **Sunday, April 19th** a representative from the camp will give a minute for mission at the beginning of both services and join the Sunday School students and their parents during the Sunday School hour in Founders Hall to talk more about the camp.



MAY OUTREACH

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.

Each month you can support the outreach program by donating through your special outreach envelopes or fill out a pew envelope and mark it "Outreach." Checks may be made payable to Good Shepherd.

GOOD SHEPHERD—BLOOD DRIVE Friday, April 17, 2015—2:00–7:00 PM

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!*



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS and OTHER SUNDAY MORNING HELP NEEDED

If you would like to help during our church service, there are many positions available including acolyte, lector, communion assistant, usher, greeter, nursery staff and altar guild. Please contact the office if you have an interest in serving. No prior experience necessary.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Your continued generosity in **filling the grocery cart** in the Narthex and the recycling of your **used ink cartridges** (which can be left in the bins located in the Narthex coat rack area) is deeply appreciated. *The folks of Good Shepherd are indeed generous!*



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.

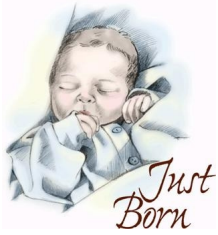
RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES



Please continue to bring your old toner and ink jet cartridges. There is a bin that is marked in the coat rack area of the Narthex where you can deposit your used cartridges. Good Shepherd receives \$2 for each cartridge and we are able to help offset the cost of our office supplies with your donations. Staples accepts the return of 20 ink/toner cartridges per month, which means that we receive \$40 each month towards the purchase of our office supplies. Keep your used cartridges coming!!!

Good Shepherd Receives 5% On Any Purchase from Plaza Flowers

Tell everyone you know to order from Plaza Flowers when they need to send flowers, plants, fruit baskets, or balloons. Just mention our FlowerCause code **GSL** at the time the order is placed. The code can also be entered during checkout at pflorist.com. Each quarter we will earn a rebate equal to 5% of all purchases made that used the GSL code. Orders can be placed by calling 610-630-8825 or 800-841-7363, on-line at pflorist.com, or in person at 417 Egypt Rd, Norristown, PA 19403. If you have any questions please call Karl Herrmann at 610-539-7256.

We Welcome...**Emmett Jack Schmeltzer**

born December 31, 2014

son of

Paul and Rebecca Schmeltzer

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

*Dorothy Sterrett † December 26th*

memorials & gifts

Carl Doerrmann and Robert Snyder gave gifts in memory of **Patricia Snyder**. Given in loving celebration of the life of **Dot Price** gifts were given by Nancy Adams, Caroline & Ken Hagman, Edward & Catherine Reilly, Edith Riehl, Carl Doerrmann, Hearts & Hands, George & Marsha Bullwinkle, Kaye Stalker, Ed Price, Pat Hand, and Bruce & Donna Lehr. **Diane Holeczy** was remembered with gifts from Carl Doerrmann, Bob & Cindy Burke, Janice Rackovan, George & Marsha Bullwinkle, John & Estelle Dolan, Patti Freed, Barbara & Paul Petroske, Edward & Catherine Reilly, Eva Wynn, Jen & Karen Lehman, Dave and Diane Smith, and Kaye Stalker. Erik & Deena Weitzel, Bob & Jackie Newman, Mr. & Mrs. Earl Krueger, Marlys Ann Snyder, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Geschwender, Dorrene Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Kisling, Mr. & Mrs. James Geschwender, James White and Linda Quam gave gifts in memory of **Laverne Krueger**. **Dorothy Sterrett** was remembered by Kaye Stalker with a gift. We are grateful for all those families who designated Good Shepherd to receive the memorial gifts made in honor of their loved ones. A heartfelt thanks to all who gave so generously to remember these friends.

The drapings used for the cross during the Lenten Season have been purchased in loving memory of **Ken Nielsen**, a long time member of Good Shepherd. The new worship service for Lenten Wednesdays, *Holden's Evening Prayer*, has been presented in loving memory of **Vern Krueger**, also a faithful member of Good Shepherd. Many thanks to all who have honored these friends with gifts.

VISITORS NEEDED



There are several members of our congregation who do not have the opportunity to join us at worship but still want very much to be a part of the Good Shepherd community. Due to chronic illness or physical disability they are unable to leave their homes. They may not even have frequent contact with family or loved ones, spending many hours alone. A visit from another member of the Good Shepherd community would help 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. Join us for an informational session to explore the possibility of becoming a **Lydia's Visitor**. Call Janice Rackovan at 610-935-7247 if interested and join us on **Sunday, March 8 at 12 PM** in the library.



In 2014 we received a total of \$1,285 from the Thrivent Choice program in addition to \$800 in matching funds for Casserole Day. We are **grateful** for the latest deposits totaling \$636 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.



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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.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday: 8:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Friday: 9:00 A.M. – Noon

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30 and 11:00 A.M. Worship Services
Education Hour—9:45 A.M.
Summer Worship Schedule begins May 24, 2015—One Service—9:30A.M.



EPHESIANS 2:10, NEW

Pastor—Julie DeWerth 610-308-2675
Organist/Choir Director—Ross Boerner 610-272-0410
Youth Worker—Kat Steinly 267-614-6452
Parish Administrator—Dawn Zadroga 610-265-4545
Office Support—Phyllis Kelly 610-265-4545
Preschool Director—Diane Smith 610-265-0733
Sexton—Ray Erwin
Nursery Attendant—Christina Torrente

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