



# The Shepherd's News

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Summer 2016

For everything there is a season ...  
(Ecclesiastes 3:1)

The author of Ecclesiastes was so right! While the Spring has been cold and damp, I have felt the shift in the seasons ... Produce Junction put out their flowers, prompting us to fill the flower boxes at home. The tomato and pepper plants have been planted in the raised beds and we hope it will be a bountiful harvest. The kids have been coming home one by one from college, complete with laundry bags filled with dirty clothes and things that need to be stored until August. And in my house, we are preparing for one college graduation! And if all that is not enough indication that the seasons are changing, the realtor from the shore is emailing me, wanting to make sure that I sign my lease for my shore rental this summer. Yes indeed, for everything there is a season!

At church we are beginning to see the change in season as well. Our Preschool is winding down ... some of our students are getting ready to graduate and head off to kindergarten. The last day of Sunday School for the year will be May 22 and the congregation will be celebrating with a picnic after worship ... complete with a pie auction! On May 29 we will go to one worship service on Sundays at 9:30am and each week we will call forward those who are traveling during the coming week and pray for them (Traveling Mercies). During the summer months we will have book clubs and movie nights and a few nights of Pub Theology at Taphouse 23 (see details in the newsletter).

This year our Vacation Bible School will begin July 11 and be staffed by counselors from Bear Creek Camp. Of course, our own members will be helping too! I am very excited about this new partnership with Bear Creek Camp. And to top it all off, the long awaited renovation of the narthex will take place this summer. Because of the generous gifts of a few of our members, we are able to give the narthex a long overdue face lift. This space is maybe the most important space in the church. This is the first thing many of our first time visitors see. It is also that place where we gather for refreshments and conversations after worship.

For everything there is a season ... I am looking forward to the summer season at Good Shepherd as we continue to worship and proclaim the name of Jesus from our hill in new and old ways.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Julie

## SPECIAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES THIS SUMMER

Beginning May 29th our Sunday Worship Service of Holy Communion will be held at 9:30 A.M.



Worship  
Schedule  
for the  
Summer

May 22nd—Holy Trinity  
June 5th—Recognition of Graduates  
June 12th—The Rev. Bradley R. Burke, The Assistant to the Bishop for  
Youth, Young Adult and Spiritual Formation, SEPA Synod  
July 10th—Bear Creek Camp Day Camp Staff Installation

*A special blessing will be offered each Sunday at the conclusion  
of the worship service for those who will be traveling in the coming week.*

Our summer schedule concludes on Labor Day Weekend, September 4th.



# Holy Baptism

*April 10th*

*Autumn Rose Hoy and Willow Anne Hoy*

*Parents — Christopher and Bertha Hoy*



# First Communion

Sunday, April 3rd was an exciting day at Good Shepherd as Eva Fleischer received her First Communion.

*God's blessing to her as she continues on her faith journey!*



Please visit the church website [www.gskop.org](http://www.gskop.org) to view the up-to-date calendar.

## REMEMBER GOOD SHEPHERD THIS SUMMER!



Although travel plans and visits with friends and family are highlights of the summertime, please know that bills continue to arrive monthly at Good Shepherd...and they need to be paid! And so, although you may be on vacation, we need to continue to meet our financial obligations. Please consider having your donation automatically drafted from your account so that we can continue to count on your support, even while you are away!

## Do You Give to Good Shepherd Electronically?

More and more of us are giving to Good Shepherd electronically. Thank you! We know that while you would like to be here every Sunday, sometimes you can't. So electronic giving is a great option. It is easy to have your bank account debited monthly or even weekly. You can set it up to be recurring so you don't even have to think about it.

If you are giving electronically, before services please pick up a laminated card in the Narthex. The cards read, "Today I made my offering electronically." They are in the Narthex on an easel to the right, before you enter the sanctuary. When the offering plate passes by you, place the card in the plate as an act of worship and stewardship.

## Church Picnic



## MAY 22nd—CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC COME CELEBRATE THE LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

To celebrate a successful program year, the church picnic will be held on May 22nd 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 29th, with one church service at 9:30 A.M. **There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex to contribute salads and desserts. BBQ chicken and hot dogs will be provided. Also, please sign up to bring a pie for the pie auction!**



**THANK YOU TO OUR  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
TEACHERS**

**THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF**

**Superintendents**—Sue Groff and Karen Lehman  
**Preschool & Elementary**—Beth Bullwinkle, Karen Lehman,  
 Jennifer Readman, Kim Smith and Kerstin Zadrejko  
**YEAH! (Grades 5-12)**— Jen Lehman and Erin Rackovan  
**Adult Education**—Marsha Bullwinkle and Barbara Petroske

**Additional Support**—Barbara Bieligaski, Amanda Fleischer,  
 Peter Fleischer, John Kendig, Donna Montich, Lisa Schlechtweg,  
 Liz Smith, Hele Vondra, Mia Weygand & Helga Yang



**GOOD SHEPHERD PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**

Morning classes are still available for children ages 2-5 for the 2016-2017 school year. Please contact Diane Smith at 610-265-0733 for more information.

**CALLING ALL MEMBERS of the CLASS of 2016!**

We will be honoring our 2016 high school, technical school, college and graduate school graduates on Sunday, June 5th at Good Shepherd. Graduates will be invited to come forward for a special prayer during worship. If there is someone in your household who you would like to have recognized, please contact the office with their name, college they will be attending, or what their future plans are. Thank you!



**MANOR CARE WORSHIP SERVICE**

**June 5th \* July 31st**

Good Shepherd will host a brief worship service for the residents at Manor Care. We invite anyone who is able and willing to join us. All children, youth and adults are welcome (and needed!) to assist in this outreach ministry. We hope that you will open your heart and consider this ministry opportunity. We gather at Manor Care (600 W. Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia) at 2:20 P.M. and conclude the worship service by 3:00 P.M. For more information, please call Bill Sansalone (610.337.1281).



**SAVE THE DATE—MAY 7, 2017**

**Good Shepherd Sunday**

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Good Shepherd**

**Pastor Greg Wenhold will preach**

**Details to follow**

Please contact Ed Price (eprice9749@juno.com)

if you are interested in serving on the planning committee.



## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are excited to offer the Bear Creek Camp Day Camp program this **July 11-15**. While Bear Creek Camp provides the materials and main staff, we still need volunteer support to pull off a safe and successful VBS! The Day Camp counselors from Bear Creek will be arriving on Sunday, July 10, 2016, to set up and prepare for the week. They clean up each day and will depart on Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>.

### WHAT WE NEED:

**EVENING MEAL HOSTS FOR THE 4 COUNSELORS:** Sunday 7/10, Monday 7/11, Wednesday 7/13, and Thursday 7/14.

**KITCHEN SUPPORT STAFF:** We will be providing two snacks and lunch each day to the counselors and campers. We do not expect people to stay the whole day; we will do this in shifts.

**ADULTS AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:** to support our safe space requirements and “crowd control”

**HOST FAMILIES:** for the 4 counselors to provide a bed, shower, and breakfast daily, from Sunday evening 7/10 through Friday morning 7/15.

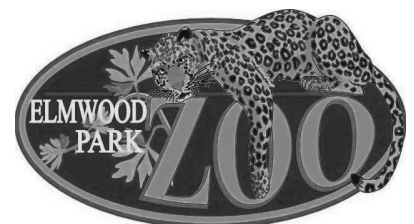
As in the past, we will be posting a wish list for snacks, food, and supplies once we are closer to the big week. Please watch the bulletin and email blasts for additional information!

For families interested in having your children attend VBS, this program has a limit of 48 participants, and is open to youth entering Kindergarten through entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The cost is \$50 per child, with a family maximum of \$125 for the week. Registration Forms are on the kiosk.

If you are able to support this important outreach, even if for just one day, please send an email with your confirmed availability to Amanda Fleischer at [amanda\\_fleischer@verizon.net](mailto:amanda_fleischer@verizon.net) as soon as possible.

Good Shepherd is looking for leaders for youth activities who are committed to nurturing the spiritual and social growth of our youth. Help us to encourage our teens to get involved by offering fun and creative opportunities for us to participate in together. **If you are interested in joining our youth support group, please contact Erin Rackovan ([erack83@gmail.com](mailto:erack83@gmail.com)) or Pastor Julie ([juliedewerth@comcast.net](mailto:juliedewerth@comcast.net)) for more information.**

**Zoo and Zipline Adventure** for youth (5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades) on **Sunday, June 5 at 11:00am**. Enjoy walking through the Elmwood Park Zoo in Norristown, seeing a variety of exotic animals like the red panda and jaguar and a free giraffe and bird feeding. Then, if you dare, travel the adventure zipline over the bison herd. Admission to the zoo and zipline is \$15 per person. Please bring a lunch or money to purchase at the café. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Erin Rackovan ([erack83@gmail.com](mailto:erack83@gmail.com)) by June 1.



## Summer Music Ministry



We've had an exciting year of music here at Good Shepherd, and it's going to be equally as exciting this summer.

We will continue the tradition of **"Summer Singers"**. We will meet at 8:30am on July 10<sup>th</sup> and August 14<sup>th</sup> to learn an easy anthem and offer it *that Sunday* in worship. If you've not sung with us this past year, **NOW'S THE TIME!** - we'll have music and a seat just for you!

Other special music this summer will be the **Bell Choir** ringing on Sunday July 31st and our **Orchestra** playing on August 7th.

There are also several dates open for *anyone* interested in offering special music. Please come and speak with me, and let's get you involved.

Good Shepherd will also host my 5th Annual Community Hymn Festival **"God is Here!"** on **Sunday August 7th @ 4PM**. Singers from many local churches will join together to form a festival choir that will lead all in attendance in song. Last year, the festival was well attended by Good Shepherd members and people from the community. So, I hope that many of you will consider attending again this year. The festival will focus on the areas in our lives (and the world) where God is present. More information on the Hymn Fest can be found at [www.MontCoHymnFest.com](http://www.MontCoHymnFest.com).

There are opportunities to get involved over the summer, and I hope that you will participate or simply attend worship this summer as you are able. I'm sure you will find our summer music to be meaningful, exciting and uplifting.

In Song,  
Ross



\$632 has been received by Good Shepherd this year through April on behalf of the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Thrivent Choice program to help further the work of our ministry at Good Shepherd. Thank you to the folks at Good Shepherd who have designated this church as the recipient of their outreach grant dollars from Thrivent. If you are a Thrivent member and would like more information on designating your outreach dollars, contact Barbara Petroske at 610.631.9392 or [bpetroske@premiermagnesia.com](mailto:bpetroske@premiermagnesia.com).

## FLEA MARKET & BAKE SALE—Saturday, September 10th—9AM-2PM

Mark your calendars for the **September 10th** 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 will be Friday September 9th 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM. This year we will **NOT** be accepting any donations from the congregation. Please call the church office to reserve your table today!



## SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Each movie night begins at 6:30pm with pizza. The movie will begin promptly at 7:00pm and conclude with a short discussion. Please reserve your spot with a \$5.00 donation to defray the cost of the pizza. Call the church office to make your reservation. Popcorn will be supplied! Stay tuned ... the number of reservations will determine exactly where we will show the movie at church.



movie  
nights



**Showing Monday, June 27th—*Spotlight*** (2015) Rated R (Running time—2 Hours 8 min)

In 2001, editor Marty Baron of The Boston Globe assigns a team of journalists to investigate allegations against John Geoghan, an unfrocked priest accused of molesting more than 80 boys. Led by editor Walter "Robby" Robinson (Michael Keaton), reporters Michael Rezendes (Mark Ruffalo), Matt Carroll and Sacha Pfeiffer interview victims and try to unseal sensitive documents. The reporters make it their mission to provide proof of a cover-up of sexual abuse within the Roman Catholic Church.

**Showing Wednesday, August 17th—*Prison Terminal: The Last Days of Private Jack Hall***

(2014) PG-13 (Running time—114 minutes) This moving 2014 Oscar Nominated film is a moving documentary that breaks through the walls of one of America's oldest maximum security prisons to tell the story of the final months in the life of a terminally ill prisoner and the hospice volunteers, they themselves prisoners, who care for him. The film draws from footage shot over a six-month period behind the walls of the Iowa State Penitentiary and provides a fascinating and often poignant account of how the hospice experience can profoundly touch even the forsaken lives of the incarcerated.



## SUMMER BOOK CLUBS at GOOD SHEPHERD (7:00PM in the church library)

**Wednesday, July 20th—*Can't Wait to Get to Heaven*—By Fannie Flagg**

Life is the strangest thing. One minute, Mrs. Elner Shimfissle is up in her tree, picking figs, and the next thing she knows, she is off on an adventure she never dreamed of, running into people she never in a million years expected to meet. Meanwhile, back home, Elner's nervous, high-strung niece Norma faints and winds up in bed with a cold rag on her head; Elner's neighbor Verbena rushes immediately to the Bible; her truck driver friend, Luther Griggs, runs his eighteen-wheeler into a ditch—and the entire town is thrown for a loop and left wondering, "What is life all about, anyway?" Except for Tot Whooten, who owns Tot's Tell It Like It Is Beauty Shop. Her main concern is that the end of the world might come before she can collect her social security. In this comedy-mystery, those near and dear to Elner discover something wonderful: Heaven is actually right here, right now, with people you love, neighbors you help, friendships you keep. *Can't Wait to Get to Heaven* is proof once more that Fannie Flagg "was put on this earth to write" (Southern Living), spinning tales as sweet and refreshing as iced tea on a summer day, with a little extra kick thrown in.

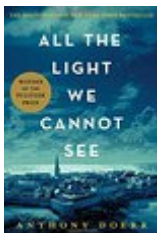


**Monday August 29th—*All the Light We Cannot See*—By Anthony Doerr**

This beautiful, Pulitzer Prize winning *New York Times* bestseller is about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II.

Marie-Laure lives with her father in Paris near the Museum of Natural History, where he works as the master of its thousands of locks. When she is six, Marie-Laure goes blind and her father builds a perfect miniature of their neighborhood so she can memorize it by touch and navigate her way home. When she is twelve, the Nazis occupy Paris and father and daughter flee to the walled citadel of Saint-Malo, where Marie-Laure's reclusive great-uncle lives in a tall house by the sea. With them they carry what might be the museum's most valuable and dangerous jewel.

In a mining town in Germany, the orphan Werner grows up with his younger sister, enchanted by a crude radio they find. Werner becomes an expert at building and fixing these crucial new instruments, a talent that wins him a place at a brutal academy for Hitler Youth, then a special assignment to track the resistance. More and more aware of the human cost of his intelligence, Werner travels through the heart of the war and, finally, into Saint-Malo, where his story and Marie-Laure's converge.



## JUNE OUTREACH



This July, 85 teenagers, young adults, and adults from 18 of our synod's congregations will travel to the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota to work with the Lakota people. Rosebud is located in the third poorest county in the nation, and the work we do there makes an incredible impact on the people we serve. Through this trip, which has run every three years since 2004, SEPA youth, young adults and adults learn to see beyond themselves and deepen their relationships with God. A full scholarship to send a youth unable to afford the trip on this powerful experience is \$925. Your support of this project ensures that they can offer the same powerful opportunities for service and spiritual formation to all youth in our synod, regardless of financial situation. Pastor Bradley Burke will be our guest preacher on June 12 and will share more information about this project. The Rev. Bradley R. Burke is the Assistant to the Bishop for Youth, Young Adult and Spiritual Formation.

## JULY & AUGUST OUTREACH

Young Adults in Global Mission is a program through the ELCA that provides young adults, age 21-29, the opportunity to grow in their faith and work hand-in-hand with our global companions. Young adults in the program serve in churches, schools, and social ministries. Currently the ELCA has YAGM volunteers in Argentina/Uruguay, Australia, Cambodia, Central Europe (Hungary), Jerusalem/West Bank, Madagascar, Mexico, Rwanda, Senegal, Southern Africa, and the United Kingdom. Long time congregation member Courtney Smith has accepted a call to serve in Southern Africa (South Africa and Swaziland) from August 2016 – July 2017. Please pray for and support Courtney on her journey through the next year of service.



*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.*

**New section in weekly Bulletin!** We are excited to introduce a new section to the weekly Bulletin, "Prayers of Thanksgiving". Did you get a new job? Was your child accepted into college? Do you have a new grandchild? Have you been blessed with a great friend? Did you notice God answer a prayer? However you have been blessed, your faith family would love rejoice and share prayers of thanksgiving. Please contact the office to share your prayers of thanksgiving.



### CASSEROLE DAY—Saturdays— May 14th and July 23rd Help Needed to Feed the Hungry

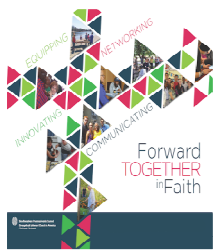
Please join us for an hour or two of fellowship and service (beginning at 8:00 A.M. in Founders Hall) as we make casseroles and bag lunches to feed 200 homeless people who come to the Germantown Soup Kitchen for nourishment of body, mind and spirit. The soup kitchen is just one part of St. Vincent DePaul's ministry to the poor, which they call "Face to Face."

Consider bringing your whole family (children as young as elementary age are welcome) as there is something for everyone to do. We also need drivers who meet at the church at 10:50 A.M. to deliver the meals.

### MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST and FELLOWSHIP Saturdays—May 14th \* June 11th \* July 9th \* August 13th

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.





The 2016 Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly was held May 6th and May 7th. Attending from Good Shepherd were Pastor Julie, Rob Bubeck, Liz Smith and Elizabeth Herrmann. While there were no major votes taken, the 2016 Assembly celebrated our shared mission and how we will be moving *Forward Together in Faith* as a synod, leaders and congregations! Presentations introduced a synodical capital appeal which will focus on a 4 prong strategy; a new vision for our ministry together as equippers, innovators, communicators and networkers.



### 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!!!

### ONGOING FOOD DRIVE

We continue to collect non-perishable foods in the shopping cart located in the Narthex of the church. In these economic times there are many who need the help of local food banks and the response from the people of Good Shepherd is always phenomenal. If you are able, please continue to help fill the grocery cart. Donations are accepted year round..



### 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.



### 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.



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

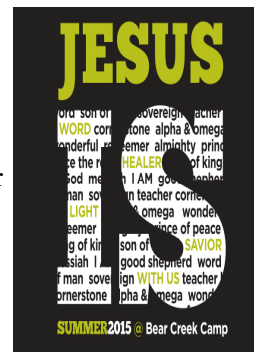
Do you have a Facebook page? Look for Good Shepherd's page and hit the "LIKE" button. When a Good Shepherd post appears on your Facebook page, it can be seen by all of those who view your page.

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.



### BEAR CREEK CAMP (A LUTHERAN CAMP)

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. There is a discount for Good Shepherd members 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.



**BEAR CREEK GOLF TOURNAMENT — Monday, June 27th** at Shepherd Hills Golf Course in Emmaus, PA. This golf event is a perfect opportunity for you to have a great time and is a tremendous way to support the ministry of Bear Creek Camp. All proceeds will be used for the Campership fund to assist families in sending their kids to camp. For more information and to register please call (570-472-3741) or visit [www.bearcreek.org](http://www.bearcreek.org).

### LYDIA'S VISITORS

Our Lydia's Visitors have been serving our homebound members now for the past year. They have helped those members feel connected to our church family and to ease loneliness. We are pleased to welcome 2 new visitors, Sara Mascho and Bill Sansalone. They join our current team including Hele Vondra, Lisa Santini, Marian Glennie, Penny Helenski, Stella Lyons and Amanda and Anna Fleischer. Please keep them and our homebound members in your prayers.



**"Whenever you read a good book, somewhere in the world a door opens to allow in more light."**(Quote by Vera Nazarian) We all love good books! Before you head off somewhere this summer, check out the Book Exchange Cart in the church Narthex (lobby). Take a book *or* leave a book.



**The Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod is sponsoring a Lutherland tour this June!**  
You're invited to join the 2016 Exploring Lutherland Tour, June 23-July 2, led by Pastor Soenke and Anne Schmidt-Lange. To get more information and download a full brochure go to <http://ministrylink.org/exploring-lutherland-2016>



Please join Good Shepherd Church for **God on Tap**  
**Mondays— June 6th & August 1st**

**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. Summer dates are June 6 and August 1.

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)

**Ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament for Katherine "Kat" Steinly**  
**(former youth worker at Good Shepherd)**

Kat Steinly has been called to serve as the pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Richlandtown, PA and will be ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament at 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 25, 2016.

Bishop Claire S. Burkat, presiding

Rev. Dr. John Berntsen, preaching

The Rev. Julie DeWerth, Ordination Sponsor

The service will be at Kat's home congregation, Trinity Lutheran Church, 19 S 5th St, Perkasio, PA 18944. A luncheon will follow worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Everyone is invited!



There is street and lot parking available. Limited parking is available behind the church, entrance on W. Chestnut St. A larger lot is across the street from the church, entrance on S. 4th St. across from Perkasio Mennonite Church. Space is reserved by the church's front entrance on S. 5th St. for handicapped drop-off.

## Information on Required Background Checks

In 2014 Pennsylvania enacted legislation to strengthen the protection of the Commonwealth's children with more stringent criminal background check requirements for those who work with children and youth.

Under Pennsylvania law all church employees and volunteers who work with children and youth (age 18 and younger) must have current background checks. Checks must be updated every 60 months.

Congregations must ensure that staff and volunteers have the proper clearances and keep the background checks on file at the church. For volunteers who were in place prior to August 25, 2015, **checks must be current by July 1, 2016**. New volunteers approved after July 1, 2015 must have current clearances before serving.

In addition, the law classifies clergy and all paid staff and volunteers who work with children and youth in any capacity as "mandated reporters" who must directly report suspected abuse to child welfare officials. "Mandated reporters" can no longer discharge their responsibility by reporting to a supervisor. Willful failure to report suspected child abuse can result in misdemeanor or felony charges, depending on the severity of the alleged abuse.

Details on these requirements are contained in a two page handout that you can find on the card table in the Narthex. Please pick one up.

Thank you for your support

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## LUTHERAN SETTLEMENT HOUSE DIAPER AND WIPES COLLECTION

Jane Addams Place is a comprehensive emergency homeless shelter in West Philadelphia for up to 29 mothers with children. It is one of the many services offered through Lutheran Settlement House. We met Kelly Davis, Executive Director, when she came here in January. She shared with us how their programs help families to regain and maintain self-sufficiency and access permanent/transitional housing and employment. Residents of Jane Addams Place participate in a myriad of programs and services aimed specifically to meet their housing, healthcare, parenting, and psychosocial needs. Programming includes children and teen groups, community meetings, arts and culture classes and trips, health and dental services, cooking and nutrition classes, and a Farm to Shelter program that incorporates fresh and local food options into the residents' meals. They often need supplies for their residents. We would like to help their new moms and infants by **collecting diapers and wipes during the month of May**. Please leave your donated items in the box in the narthex or donate other much needed items by going to [lutheransettlement.org](http://lutheransettlement.org) and go into their link to Amazon.com to view their wish list.





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### NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE...SUNDAY, August 7th

Please submit your articles to the Church Office via email or by using a pink form found in "forms" slot in front of mail cart. Place forms in "Office" mailbox slot.

#### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 9:00 A.M. - Noon

#### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Summer Schedule —Service of Holy Communion at 9:30 A.M.  
(through September 4, 2016)

#### THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF

Pastor—Julie DeWerth 610-308-2675  
Organist/Choir Director—Ross Boerner 610-272-0410  
Parish Administrator—Kay Shinnars 610-265-4545  
Office Assistant—Phyllis Kelly 610-265-4545  
Preschool Director—Diane Smith 610-265-0733  
Sexton—Ray Erwin 610-265-4545  
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