# The Shepherd's News

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Spring 2019

Brothers and Sisters,

On Sunday, March 3rd we will bid farewell to Alleluia ... entering into an Alleluia fast. The children will help us box up the Alleluia balloon, where it will remain until Easter Morning, when we will release it and send it floating up to the cupola, accompanied by shouts of Alleluia!

During the season of Lent many of us will give up something of value to us like chocolate or social media. The idea is that sacrificing something small symbolizes the kind of sacrifice Jesus undertook in the wilderness, where he fasted and prayed for forty days and forty nights. Even if you choose not to give up something tangible, it is my hope that you will give up the word "Alleluia" keeping it from your lips until Easter morning.

Christians have made a practice of omitting the word Alleluia from their vocabularies for more than a millennia. Some congregations literally bury the word by making a sign that says "Alleluia" and then putting it in the dirt where it stays until Easter dawn. And while we don't do that at Good Shepherd, we do box up the balloon and bury the word deep in our hearts.

The question is, "Why do we do it?" And will omitting the word from our worship and abstaining from using the word for 40 days make any difference in our lives? Can not saying the word really transform our faith experience? The short answer is yes!

The word "Alleluia" literally means "Praise God." The word exudes joy and celebration and since Lent is pretty much the opposite of a party, it makes sense that we would omit the word from our vocabulary for the penitential season.

Words are important! They don't just describe our reality, they actually change our reality. When the pastor says, "I now pronounce you husband and wife," those words literally transform the relationship between the two people who were once not married to two people who are. Likewise, we believe that when the pastor says the words of institution over the bread and the wine, something happens. The elements are no longer simply bread and wine ... we believe Christ is present in a way that he wasn't before. Words have tremendous power! They have the ability to actually alter our existence and shift our perception of the world.

By making the simply choice to refrain from using the word Alleluia, we remind ourselves that our faith is not only defined by our buildings and our rituals. Our faith is fundamentally shaped by the words that we say and do not say. Our words shape our spiritual realities and so we need to be incredibly mindful of not just how we behave but also of how we speak, because what we say matters. It matters tremendously.

May you have a holy Lent and may you consider how the words you say reflect (or do not reflect) your beliefs and actions. Words may seem like mere symbols, but in fact they are agents of hope for a world that is in desperate need of just that.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Julie DeWerth

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### MARCH OUTREACH—LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

The March Outreach funds will support **Lutheran World Relief**. Lutheran World Relief envisions a future where all people, in every corner of the world can live full, dignified lives. Lutheran World Relief tackles global poverty by helping people adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well-being. They work with people based on need, regardless of race, religion or nationality and they do not evangelize. LWR breaks the cycle of poverty, so families and communities can thrive. Their goal is to help people build self-sufficiency and create new community-owned approaches to problem-solving that will last long after our projects end. *Checks may be made payable to Good Shepherd and placed in a pew envelope marked "Outreach."* 

# Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

The April Outreach funds will support **Lutheran Disaster Response**. Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives

APRIL OUTREACH—LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, they stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. Lutheran Disaster Response collaborates with other disaster response organizations and religious entities in the United States and around the world. This enables the greatest stewardship of resources and maximum impact of response. *Checks may be made payable to Good Shepherd and placed in a pew* 

# BabyManna

### MAY OUTREACH—BABY MANNA

Each year 12,000 babies are born into poverty in southeast Pennsyvania. 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."



# THANK YOU FOR A SUPER SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY!

The response was fantastic! \$328.95 and many canned goods were collected on Sunday, February 4th. Your participation in this annual outreach is appreciated!

# 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 at gskopstaff@verizon.net if you have an interest in serving. No prior experience necessary.



## The Music Ministry 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. We'll be using some new liturgy music from the ELW this year to enhance our worship.

For the first four Wednesday night services beginning on March 13th, we will be using the Holden Evening Prayer service that we last used in 2016. On the fifth Wednesday we'll use beautiful *Holden Prayer Around the Cross* Liturgy as a way to focus our prayers as we turn towards Holy Week. As always, there will be special musical offerings each week provided by members of Good Shepherd.

I am excited to announce that The Chancel Choir will be presenting the cantata, "One Sacrifice" this year during Holy Week. This work draws on the concept of God's <u>one voice</u>, and His <u>one great sacrifice</u>. The choir will present this cantata in segments; beginning on Palm Sunday, continuing on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and concluding on Easter Sunday. So, be sure to attend all our services during Holy Week so you won't miss any of this great story and music.

Other music this season includes: congregational singing of the Faure's "The Palms" on Palm Sunday, special music on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and as we celebrate the Risen Lord on Easter Sunday; our orchestra will play, our bells will ring and our choir will sing!

If you would like to join the choir for the Easter Season – I have music and a seat <u>JUST FOR YOU!</u> Come and speak with me after worship, and we'll discuss how to get you plugged in!

It's going to be a great season of meaningful music here on the hill, and as we prepare to enter Lent, consider the text of the hymn, "The Glory of These Forty Days" (ELW 320, verses 1 & 4)

The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise; Christ, through whom all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed. Then grant, O God, that we may too, return in fast and prayer to you. Our spirits strengthen with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Yours	in	Song,
Ross		

## 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.

Please watch the weekly bulletin in the month of March for eligibility requirements and how to apply! The application deadline is **April 1**<sup>st</sup>.

#### ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

The annual meeting was held on January 27th. Following the luncheon, which was hosted by the Fellowship Committee, the business meeting began. The reports of all of the church committees were reviewed. The newly elected member is Ed Price. The 2019 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 at gskopstaff@verizon.net. The 2019 Council has met and was organized as follows:

Lisa Hand, President—Stewardship
Daniel Pirani, Vice President, Memorials and Gifts
Amanda Fleischer, Secretary—Youth Support
Karen Lehman, Treasurer
Ivana Anderson—Evangelism
Marilynn Anton—Fellowship
John Dolan—Worship and Music
Harry Feliciano—Property
Sue Groff—Christian Education
Dennis Hosgood—Personnel
Ed Price—Finance
Cathy Reilly—Preschool
Andy Restad—Outreach



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 17, 2019.

# Monday's at Good Shepherd

First Monday of the month is Pub Theology at 6:30 P.M. March 4th, April 1st and May 6th

Second Monday of the month is Committee Meetings If you serve on a committee please check with your committee chairperson to see if your committee is meeting. March 11th, April 8th and May 13th.

Third Monday of the month is Council Meeting at 7:30 P.M. March 18th, April 15th and May 20th.

Book Club will meet on Monday's, March 25th and April 29th.





## On January 27th we welcomed new members to Good Shepherd!



Jeremy, Kayla and Jaxon Daniel (Jaxon not pictured)



Jason Malarchik



Travis Troutman



Welcome Our New Members



Baptism

Jasper Francis Dolan Parents—John and Estelle Dolan January 6, 2019



Jaxon Jeremy Daniel
Parents—Jeremy and Kayla Daniel
January 27, 2019



### **GIRL SCOUTS**

will be recognized on Sunday, March 10th at both services. Special patches will be given to the participating Scouts.



### Preschool

Registration has begun for the 2019-2020 school year. Classes are available for children ages 2 through 5. Contact Diane Smith at 610-265-0733 for more information.

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### **PUB THEOLOGY**

Please join Good Shepherd Church for God on Tap Mondays, March 4th, April 1st and May 6th—6:30pm to 8:00pm

### CHECK THE WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR THE TOPICS WE WILL BE DISCUSSING

McKenzie Brew House, 324 West Swedesford Road, Berwyn, PA 19312 (only 5 miles from Good Shepherd)

All ages are welcome who are interested in engaging in this conversation.

The Saison Room at McKenzie Brew House 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 PM for the discussion.

Please Note: The servers will issue a separate check for each person in attendance with an 18% gratuity added on.

Appetizers range from \$8 to \$12—Burgers & Sandwiches range from \$10 to \$18—Entrées range from \$18 to \$33

### For a full menu please check their website at www.mckenziebrewhouse.com

Please contact Karen Reimet with any questions: karenreimet@gmail.com
Pub Theology description from website: pubtheology.com

# New Meal Ministry Opportunity Saturday, March 16th

Please join us on Saturday, March 16th for an exciting new meal ministry. We are partnering with the Cecil and Grace Bean Soup Kitchen in Norristown to prepare and serve a meal to the hungry in Norristown.

For over 20 years we provided meals to Face in Germantown but recently their needs have changed and we looked for an opportunity to serve more locally. The need is great in Norristown and they have been looking to partner with someone to create a Saturday afternoon hot meal. They operate out of St John's Episcopal Church on Church Street.

We still need volunteers to make the casseroles and the peanut butter and jelly sandwiches on Saturday here at Good Shepherd in the morning beginning at 8 am. We will also need drivers to transport the food to the soup kitchen at (11 am).

What makes this opportunity special is that now we get to actually meet and interact with those we serve. We will need about 12 volunteers to commit to doing that from 11:30 until about 3 pm. That will cover time to bake the casseroles, set up the room, serve our "cousins" at 1 pm and then clean up. Youth ages 12 and up can help us in the kitchen.

### We need to know who will help prepare, drive or serve so please sign-up in the narthex.

We are hoping to make this a regular ministry every other month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday so the next one would be May 18. By making the food we serve you are rewarded by knowing your efforts stave off hunger for that day; by serving our "cousins" you will see for yourself their need and their gratitude and feel Christ's love work through you! Please call or email Janice Rackovan at 610-715-2601, jcrackovan@gmail.com, with any questions or to sign-up. There is also a sign up sheet in the Narthex.



# GOOD SHEPHERD BLOOD DRIVE Friday, March 22nd, 2019—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.



### **WOMEN'S RETREAT**

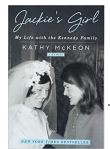
# For the Women of Good Shepherd and their Friends March 29-30, 2019

The retreat will begin on Friday evening at 7:00pm and end Saturday afternoon at 2:30pm. It will be held at the Franciscan Spirituality Center, 609 S. Covent Road, Aston, PA - about 25 miles from Good Shepherd. The cost is \$80 which includes lodging, breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Space is limited, so please contact the church office at gskopstaff@verizon.net to make your reservation!

The theme this year is "Hospitality Today--what does hospitality mean today?" How can we be more hospitable in our homes, our families and our churches? We will study the Biblical understanding of hospitality and how it applies TODAY, in our current culture of abundance and expectation. Join us! This year's speaker is Pastor Sarah Stobie from St John's Lutheran Church, Blue Bell, PA.

Need based scholarships for this educational event are available, see Pastor Julie for more information.

# SPRING BOOK CLUBS AT GOOD SHEPHERD 7:00 pm in the church library

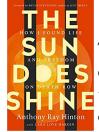


# Monday, March 25th Jackie's Girl: My Life with the Kennedy Family

An endearing coming-of-age memoir by a young woman who spent thirteen years as Jackie Kennedy's personal assistant and occasional nanny--and the lessons about life and love she learned from the glamorous first lady.

## Monday, April 29th





The Sun Does Shine is an extraordinary testament to the power of hope sustained through the darkest times. Destined to be a classic memoir of wrongful imprisonment and freedom won, Hinton's memoir tells his dramatic thirty-year journey and shows how you can take away a man's freedom, but you can't take away his imagination, humor, or joy.

### 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.

# Lent at Good Shepherd

# Our Lenten season at Good Shepherd begins Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. with Soup Suppers

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 6th - Hearts and Hands \* March 13th - Council March 20th - Open Sign Up \* March 27th - Worship and Music April 3rd - Sunday School/Youth \* April 10th - Open Sign Up

Following the meal, for the first four Wednesday night services beginning on March 13th, we will be using the **Holden Evening Prayer**. On the fifth Wednesday we'll use beautiful **Holden Prayer Around the Cross** Liturgy as a way to focus our prayers as we turn towards Holy Week. As always, there will be special musical offerings each week provided by members of Good Shepherd.

# Our theme this year is: Daring to Tell the Truth: The Prophets

March 13th—Rev. Joe Varsanyi, Saint Michael's Lutheran Church, Kensington, PA March 20th —Rev. Laura Tancredi, Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, Ardmore, PA March 27th —Pastor Regina Goodrich, Mediator Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, PA April 3rd—Pastor Cliff Eshbach, Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Lancaster, PA April 10th—Courtney Smith, Second Year Seminary Student at ULS, Philadelphia, PA



# Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 13th \* 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 10th 610-265-4545 or by email gskopstaff@verizon.net

## EASTER EGG HUNT DONATIONS NEEDED

Donations of candy filled eggs are needed. Please fill the eggs with peanut free candy and tape the seams of the eggs. Candy filled eggs can be brought to the church office by Wednesday, April 10th

# 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.

## Youth Group Activities Grades 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>



# READY TO GET AIR?? SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH

Bring your favorite snack and something to drink to get you ready for "GET AIR". The price is \$10 per person. If you have not been to the facility this year then a parent will have to sign a waiver prior to going. Contact Erin at erack83@gmail.com to sign up. King of Prussia "GET AIR" waivers can be found on the website



# ELMWOOD PARK ZOO, SUNDAY MAY 19TH 2019

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 in seeing the sights of the zoo, feeding the giraffes, feeding the birds, and Erin giving us a private show with Noah the Eagle! The cost is \$10.00 per person.

Please bring money for snacks or lunch that you may want to purchase. If you are going to be doing the zipline you will need to have a waiver filled out by a parent and you must have closed toes shoes. Please check the weekly bulletins for more details. Or contact Erin Rackovan at erack83@gmail.com for more information.

## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Everything is awesome!!

FRIDAY, APRIL 12—DOORS OPEN @ 6:00 PM, MOVIE STARTS AT 6:30 P.M.

Put the kids in their jammies, grab pillows/blankets for floor seating (chair seating will also be available) and join us for Family Movie Night featuring:

The Lego Movie



Hot dogs and other concessions will be available for purchase Additional details will be in Sunday bulletins and the weekly blast.

(Parent must accompany children)



### SPREAD THE WORD, VBS IS BACK!!!

Bear Creek Camp will be returning to Good Shepherd July 8 - July 12 from 9:00am-3:00pm.

Volunteer opportunities and camp information coming soon!

Want to get involved now? Contact Heather Francis at 484-221-1072 or heatherfrancis1@comcast.net.

## A THANK YOU FROM OUR BISHOP

February 17, 2019



# Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Office of the Bishop

Ms. Lisa Hand, Council President Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, ELCA 132 E. Valley Forge Road King of Prussia, PA 19406

Ms. Hand, Church Council, Pastor DeWerth, and the Saints of Good Shepherd:

It is with overwhelming joy that I send this "thank you" from a grateful synod for your generosity and faithful stewardship in the Kingdom of God.

Your trust in God leads you to support the work of God in these and other ways: with time and talent by making space for Pastor DeWerth to serve as conference dean; availing oneself for the work of the larger church in the person of, Lisa Hand, who not only is council president of this congregation but serves as a member of Synod Council, and in her first year of election she was elected to the executive committee of Synod Council.

Good Shepherd, a leading congregation in Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod that produces leaders in Christ's Church. One such person is Courtney Smith, ULS seminarian, and we cannot forget Pastor Ruth Bullwinkle who serves St. Paul's in Clark, WV. Good Shepherd not only raises up its own members but is a congregation that supports the larger church by receiving interns and field education students, which the synod and seminary is most appreciative.

Your gift of \$3,109, above your 2018 pledge of \$22,000 is an example of "God's Work, Our Hands." We can do more together than we can alone. Here in the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod I am blessed to be your bishop as we journey together.

In Christ's Service,

The Rev. Patricia A. Davenport, Bishop

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### **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 Ryan's Case for Smiles 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.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT



January 3, 2019

Diane Smith Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 132 E. Valley Forge Road King of Prussia, PA 19406

Dear Diane,

We are very grateful to the everyone at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for your ongoing support of Silver Springs – Martin Luther School! Thank you for your partnership in helping to bring holiday joy to the vulnerable boys and girls served by Silver Springs. We are truly blessed to have you as friends!

Thank you for your generous donation of gift cards totaling \$900 (\$225 to Target, \$225 to Giant, \$225 to ACME, and \$225 to Walmart) delivered along with a wonderful collection of gifts for the children! The boys and girls were thrilled to receive the Lego sets, dolls, K'nex, Hot Wheels, games, motorized cars, arts and crafts sets, Dream Lites, and more!

Thank you once again for helping to ensure we were able to provide a joyful Christmas full of wonderful memories for the special children in our care.

Sincerely,

Lynn Unipan, MSW, CFRE Development Director

Development Officer

### **MEMORIAL & GIFTS:**

This Fall & Winter Good Shepherd was blessed by gifts given in memory of Clara Barron, Ira Bingham, Paul & Ruth Herrmann, Marian Glennie, Bob Locker & Paul Petroske.

Clara Barron was fondly remembered by gifts from the following members and friends: Linda Quam, Linda Mack, Kerstin Zadrejko, Betty Rodkin and Bob & Cindy Burke.

Gifts were given in memory of Ira Bingham by member Linda Quam.

Additional gifts in memory of Ruth & Paul Herrmann came from Linda Quam, Lisa Santini, Linda Mack, Elizabeth Locker, Kerstin Zadrejko, Bobbie & Rich Lachenmeyer, the Murray Girls and Erich & Rita Lukas along with the Groeber cousins.

Other money received by Memorial & Gifts was received from Lisa Santini in memory of Bob Locker, Marian Glennie & Paul Petroske.

We are extremely 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 members who gave so generously to remember these friends.

## The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

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## JUNE · JULY · AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE ... Wednesday, May 15th

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 — 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 26, 2019—One Service—9:30A.M.

### THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF

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Parish Administrator—Kay Shinners 610-265-4545
Preschool Director—Diane Smith 610-265-0733
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