



# The Shepherd's News

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Fall 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Unless you are older than 102, you have never lived through a pandemic. And, in the unlikely event that you are older than 102 (I know for a fact that we don't have any Good Shepherd members who are centenarians) you were a child when it happened. The most recent pandemic was in 1918, often called "The Spanish Flu." That pandemic infected an estimated 500 million people globally and killed between 17 and 50 million. And while we have never been through a pandemic, others have.

Then, like today, many states banned large gatherings and ordered shutdowns of businesses, schools and yes, churches in an effort to stop the spread. Which means that the church has been through this before and come out on the other side.

It's interesting to look back and see that many of the issues the church was dealing with during the Spanish Flu are the same issues that we are dealing with today. Look back at the history and you will see that in 1918 churches were struggling with whether or not to discontinue having worship. And then, once they made the decision, how to meet the spiritual needs of their congregants. And remember, unlike today, there was no Zoom or YouTube! People used devotional materials, books, and pamphlets to sustain them. Some churches suggested that families have worship in their homes at 11 a.m. on Sunday mornings and the clergy provided print sermons, service outlines and scripture readings to assist them with conducting the service.

And of course, like today, congregations were concerned about their finances. And remember, this was before people could give electronically! A Methodist pastor sent out this announcement with the weekly worship materials, "There will be no service at this church until further notice. If there be sickness among the members, please notify the pastor. The treasurer will be glad to hear from you. You will readily appreciate the importance of this announcement." A Lutheran pastor communicated this to his members, "As the churches may be closed for a period longer than two weeks all members are requested to remit their dues to the treasurer, J.M. Fox, 1819 Person Avenue, West End." It appears there is nothing new under the sun!

I find it comforting to read the history and learn that the church has been through this before and survived ... and they survived with far fewer resources than we have today! Yes, the church will look different than it looked when we entered quarantine in the middle of March, but maybe that will be a good thing! Maybe we will appreciate each other more and not take the community of faith, gathered in person, for granted. We will have learned new ways to use that technology that can work for us long after quarantine is over. And we will have been reminded, as the Sunday School song teaches us, "The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church is the people." During this pandemic, we have not been closed, we have simply left the building. We continue to meet on Zoom, hold worship services on YouTube and serve the most vulnerable among us by feeding the hungry. Who knows? We might come out stronger and more faithful on the other side.

My prayers are with all of you in the days ahead. While we may be physically distant, we are together in the body of Christ.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Julie". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Pastor Julie DeWerth

## GOOD SHEPHERD MONTHLY OUTREACH

**SEPTEMBER OUTREACH**—The September Outreach funds will support the merged Lutheran Seminary of Philadelphia and that of Gettysburg now called the **United Lutheran Seminary**. Their mission remains the same, “Unifying, Learning, Serving: United Lutheran Seminary is a welcoming and diverse learning community equipping people to proclaim the living Gospel for a changing church and world.” They support over 300 students, including our own Courtney Smith, of 28 denominations and offer 7 degrees. They provide a learning environment that is Lutheran in focus, ecumenical in practice, and led by grace. Let us continue to support growth in Christian leaders of the future. Use an Outreach funds envelope or just mark your check to Outreach Funds. *Checks may be made payable to Good Shepherd and designated for “Outreach.”*

**OCTOBER OUTREACH** —The October Outreach funds will support **Women’s Bridge of Eagleville** which serves women in 6 Southeastern PA counties. Their mission is to help women in transition achieve financial security, find adequate housing, obtain sustainable employment and gain emotional stability. They assist women in forming an action plan, job and interview skills, making productive life choices and referrals to other social service agencies and professionals. They offer classes in budgeting/money management and parenting. Use an Outreach funds envelope or just mark your check to Outreach Funds. *Checks may be made payable to Good Shepherd and designated for “Outreach.”*

**NOVEMBER OUTREACH** —The November Outreach funds will go to support **Neighborhood Meals on Wheels**. There is a need in our community for meals for the homebound. Upper Merion Township has responded to that need for more than 40 years. Several organizers and volunteers are from Good Shepherd. Neighborhood Meals on Wheels accepts no government funding and as a result is able to bring new clients on board with much less paperwork than is required by the county and state. However, because it has no government funding it must rely on the generosity of friends, neighbors, community groups and faith-based organizations to sustain it. Use an Outreach funds envelope or just mark your check to Outreach Funds. *Checks may be made payable to Good Shepherd and designated for “Outreach.”*

### 9:30 AM SERVICE TO CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE FALL

Sunday service will remain at 9:30 AM throughout the fall season. A sign up to volunteer and/or attend the service is sent out every Monday and Wednesday via an email blast.

Volunteers are needed for the service. Please sign up by using the Sign Up Genius in the email blast or on the church website at [www.gskop.org](http://www.gskop.org). You can also call the church office at 610-265-4545.

If you do not receive the email blasts, please contact the church office at 610-265-4545 or email at [gskopstaff@verizon.net](mailto:gskopstaff@verizon.net).

### SPECIAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES THIS FALL

*All services will be live streamed on the Good Shepherd YouTube Channel beginning September 13th and will be available afterwards for viewing.*

*If you log into YouTube and search for GSKoP it will take you to the Good Shepherd YouTube channel.*

**October 4th**—St. Francis of Assisi—Blessing of the Animals immediately following the 9:30 am Service in the outdoor sanctuary weather permitting.

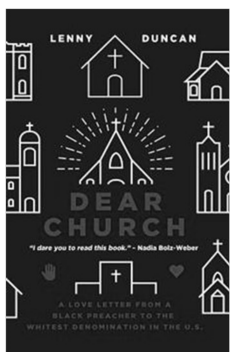
**October 25th** — Reformation Sunday—**WEAR RED**

**November 1st** — All Saints Sunday — The names of those who have been baptized at Good Shepherd during the past year and those who have entered the church triumphant this year will be recognized during the prayers of intercession.

**November 8th** —Veterans will be recognized during the prayers of intercession.

**November 22nd**— Christ the King Sunday—Commitment Sunday

**November 29th**—1st Sunday in Advent



## ONE BOOK

**Schools do it. Communities do it. Why can't Good Shepherd do it?  
The answer is, we can!**

*Dear Church, A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S*  
by Lenny Duncan.

**Zoom discussion Monday, September 14th at 7pm.**

A group of Good Shepherd members gathered to begin a discussion around racism and how we can be part of the solution. Out of that discussion came the idea of reading a book. As a community of faith we will be reading Lenny Duncan's book, "Dear Church."

Lenny Duncan is the unlikeliest of pastors. Formerly incarcerated, he is now a black preacher in the whitest denomination in the United States: the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Part manifesto, part confession, and all love letter, *Dear Church* offers a bold new vision for the future of Duncan's denomination and the broader mainline Christian community of faith. *Dear Church* rejects the narrative of church decline and calls everyone--leaders and laity alike--to the front lines of the church's renewal through racial equality and justice. It is time for the church to rise up, dust itself off, and take on forces of this world that act against God: misogyny, nationalism, homophobia, and economic injustice. Duncan gives a blueprint for the way forward and urges us to follow in the revolutionary path of Jesus.

Pastor Duncan was recently ordained, but before ordination he did his internship at Saint Mark's Lutheran Church in Conshohocken ... right in our backyard.

Order your book today and start reading! The Zoom link will be shared with you in the coming weeks. Let's start reading Good Shepherd!

## OPERATION SHINING STAR

Operation Shining Star will look a little different this year, although the need is still great at Gemma Services (formally Silver Springs). We are setting a goal of 100 gifts and \$1,000 in gift cards for this holiday season. A link to an Amazon wish list with gift needs will be available through our weekly email blast beginning in October. If you would prefer to buy a gift and drop it at the church, instructions about when you can drop it off will also be made available through our weekly email blast in October. Donations towards gift cards that will be used for the students, may be given at any time. Please make checks payable to Good Shepherd and put "Shining Star" on the memo line.



## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE—Friday, September 25th

Good Shepherd will be hosting this important mission on Friday, September 25th from 2:00—7:00 P.M. In addition to the regular blood donors in the King of Prussia area, the Red Cross would like to find some 'new blood!' We ask that you consider becoming a blood donor and if you are not able, perhaps there is another family member, neighbor or friend, who you know that may be a willing donor. **The Red Cross is taking every precaution to keep everyone safe.**

Please do not wait to be called to volunteer! If you are willing and able, contact the church office as soon as possible and we will schedule a time for you to donate. Kendra Zadrejko Thomas is coordinating this event and can be reached at 484.213.7023 or email [kzadrejko@gmail.com](mailto:kzadrejko@gmail.com). *Thank you for considering this vital outreach!*



## *Music Ministry*



Worship has looked a little different since we started worshipping together up here on the hill. Because of spacing issues and the overall effectiveness of different masks in preventing aerosol transmission, we haven't been singing. We've been fortunate to have several choir members sing on behalf of the congregation each week and they also continued to offer special music – which has been quite a blessing.

We've continued to record our worship services and post them to YouTube. Plans are underway for a tech upgrade for recording and broadcasting our services. To start that process, we had a new sound system installed to provide a better overall sound quality and to equip the sanctuary for the needs of the future. As we head into the fall, we plan to continue worshipping in the way we have been since July. I thank you all for your continued support of Good Shepherd and its Music Ministry through this unique time.

In Song,  
Ross

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### **A NEW MINISTRY IS COMING TO GOOD SHEPHERD SPURRED BY THE PANDEMIC!**

During this time of uncertainty and turmoil the need for prayer is ever present. Good Shepherd is answering that need with a Community Outdoor Prayer Sanctuary. In mid to late September we will be inviting our members and community to our outdoor sanctuary (the area between our two buildings) to pray. While many know about our outdoor sanctuary, others do not, and so there will be a sign on our lawn inviting the community up to the hill to pray. In addition, there will be a Prayer Drop Box for people's prayer requests. Our Good Shepherd prayer warriors will lift up these concerns in prayers.

Social distancing measures and masks will be required of all who use the outdoor sanctuary. The Evangelism group hopes you are as enthusiastic as we are about this upcoming ministry. What a blessing and privilege for our faith family to pray with, and make this space available to, our community!





## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF 75,000 MASK CHALLENGE

Lutheran World Relief reached out in May requesting congregations to pledge home-sewn cotton face masks in order to assist vulnerable communities currently defenseless against COVID-19. Good Shepherd answered that call, pledging 500 masks. As the weeks progressed it was apparent that our goal of 500 would easily be surpassed. In August, 929 masks were shipped to Lutheran World Relief, sewn by several women at Good Shepherd and their friends. Thank you to all who participated in this important outreach: Kim, Barbara, Becky, Joan, Kira, Melanie, Hele, Colleen, Cynthia, Janet, Linda, Marilyn, Sue and Nancy. And God bless those who will be receiving these masks. The response received by Lutheran World Relief also exceeded their expectations and their 75,000 goal is now 150,000!




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## NEW OUTDOOR SANCTUARY BENCHES

Three new all-weather outdoor benches were installed this spring in loving memory of Helen Purdum. Memorial gifts in Helen's memory were donated to the women of Hearts & Hands and it was decided that new outdoor benches would be given in her memory. Helen was a beloved member of Good Shepherd's Hearts & Hands group for many years.




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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT GOOD SHEPHERD

### MEAL MINISTRY

Our meal ministry partnership with the Cecil and Grace Bean Soup Kitchen in Norristown continues monthly. Since March we have been following County public health guidelines by not offering meals in the dining room. Therefore, we have been providing bag lunches that are distributed during Saturday morning breakfast meals. A small number of volunteers have assembled bag lunches on Fridays and they are delivered to the soup kitchen early on Saturday morning once per month. We are looking into the possibility of making a warm meal in the upcoming months that would be distributed as a take-out meal. If you are interested in helping, please call or email Janice Rackovan at 610-715-2601 or [jcrackovan@gmail.com](mailto:jcrackovan@gmail.com).

Upcoming dates are September 18th and 19th, October 16th and 17th and November 20th and 21st.

### DRIVERS NEEDED

We are currently looking for volunteers who would be willing to drive members in need of transportation to doctors visits. Please call or email Janice Rackovan at 610-715-2601 or [jcrackovan@gmail.com](mailto:jcrackovan@gmail.com).

### WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST WITH THE WEEKLY SERVICES

Please either sign up by using the sign-up Genius attached to the weekly emails sent you or contact the church office at 610-265-4545. You can also email the church office at [gskopstaff@verizon.net](mailto:gskopstaff@verizon.net).

The sign-ups are also on the church website at [www.gskop.org](http://www.gskop.org)

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO RECORD THE SUNDAY SERVICE

Volunteers are needed to record the 9:30 am services. Please email the church office at [gskopstaff@verizon.net](mailto:gskopstaff@verizon.net) or call the church office at 610-265-4545 if you are interested in volunteering. All volunteers will be trained!

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD  
WOMENS RETREAT 2021**

The Daylesford Abbey in Paoli will host our Retreat from 7:00 pm on Friday, September 24, 2021 until 2:30pm on Saturday, September 25, 2021.

You will have the option to either stay overnight or just come for the day on Saturday. Feel free to bring a friend! As the event date gets closer, details will be made available.

Feel free to check out the new facility: <https://daylesford.org/spirituality-center/group-retreats/>.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE FALL  
SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/293949103?pwd=eC9pYkY0YkdCeEpWU1lVQnZJTnh1UT09>

The same Meeting Id and Password can be used each week.

Meeting ID: 293 949 103 Password: 666695

If you would like a copy of the printed lesson emailed to you please email the church office at [gskopstaff@verizon.net](mailto:gskopstaff@verizon.net)



**PUB THEOLOGY WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE FALL**

Fall Pub Theology gatherings will begin at 7:15 pm on the below dates, via video conference. Links and passwords will be sent out before each event via the weekly email blast.

We would love to hear your thoughts on these questions or just listen to other people's thoughts.

***Please join us on the following Mondays!***

**September** - No Pub Theology - Labor Day

**October 5th**- "What helps you decide that silence is the appropriate response? When is speaking the appropriate response?"

**November 2nd**- "What does the future of the church look like and what assets, resources and strengths do we have to help us get there?"

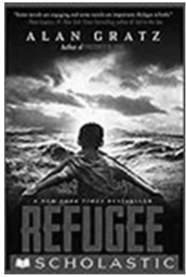


**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS — SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th at 10:30 AM**

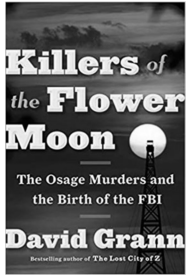
This special event will take place in the outdoor sanctuary on October 4th at 10:30 AM weather permitting. If the weather is bad the event will not take place. Masks need to be worn and social distancing will be enforced.

We will have a short liturgy. No pet is too big or too small, too slimy or too furry. Even if you don't have a pet, come out and enjoy other people's special friends!

*Come one ... come all!* This special event honors St. Francis of Assisi.

**FALL BOOK CLUB at GOOD SHEPHERD Zoom link will be provided prior to event date.**

**Monday, September 28th—*Refugee* by Alan Gratz** JOSEF is a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany. With the threat of concentration camps looming, he and his family board a ship bound for the other side of the world . . . ISABEL is a Cuban girl in 1994. With riots and unrest plaguing her country, she and her family set out on a raft, hoping to find safety in America . . . MAHMOUD is a Syrian boy in 2015. With his homeland torn apart by violence and destruction, he and his family begin a long trek toward Europe . . . All three kids go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. All will face unimaginable dangers -- from drownings to bombings to betrayals. But there is always the hope of *tomorrow*. And although Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud are separated by continents and decades, shocking connections will tie their stories together in the end.



**Monday, October 26th—*Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann** In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Indian Nation in Oklahoma. After oil was discovered beneath their land, the Osage rode in chauffeured automobiles, built mansions, and sent their children to study in Europe.

Then, one by one, they began to be killed off. One Osage woman, Mollie Burkhart, watched as her family was murdered. Her older sister was shot. Her mother was then slowly poisoned. And it was just the beginning, as more Osage began to die under mysterious circumstances.

In this last remnant of the Wild West—where oilmen like J. P. Getty made their fortunes and where desperadoes such as Al Spencer, “the Phantom Terror,” roamed – virtually anyone who dared to investigate the killings were themselves murdered. As the death toll surpassed more than twenty-four Osage, the newly created F.B.I. took up the case, in what became one of the organization’s first major homicide investigations. But the bureau was then notoriously corrupt and initially bungled the case.

Eventually the young director, J. Edgar Hoover, turned to a former Texas Ranger named Tom White to try to unravel the mystery. White put together an undercover team, including one of the only Native American agents in the bureau. They infiltrated the region, struggling to adopt the latest modern techniques of detection. Together with the Osage they began to expose one of the most sinister conspiracies in American history.



**Monday, November 23rd—*Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult** Ruth Jefferson is a labor and delivery nurse at a Connecticut hospital with more than twenty years' experience. During her shift, Ruth begins a routine checkup on a newborn, only to be told a few minutes later that she's been reassigned to another patient. The parents are white supremacists and don't want Ruth, who is African American, to touch their child. The hospital complies with their request, but the next day, the baby goes into cardiac distress while Ruth is alone in the nursery. Does she obey orders or does she intervene?

Ruth hesitates before performing CPR and, as a result, is charged with a serious crime. Kennedy McQuarrie, a white public defender, takes her case but gives unexpected advice: Kennedy insists that mentioning race in the courtroom is not a winning strategy. Conflicted by Kennedy's counsel, Ruth tries to keep life as normal as possible for her family—especially her teenage son—as the case becomes a media sensation. As the trial moves forward, Ruth and Kennedy must gain each other's trust, and come to see that what they've been taught their whole lives about others—and themselves—might be wrong.

With incredible empathy, intelligence, and candor, Jodi Picoult tackles race, privilege, prejudice, justice, and compassion—and doesn't offer easy answers. *Small Great Things* is a remarkable achievement from a writer at the top of her game.

## **Payroll Protection Program Loan Received**

When we rang in 2020, none of us could have imagined the path we would need to travel over these last few months. With COVID-19, worship has changed. For many, work has changed. Lives have changed.

Good Shepherd has been blessed with relatively consistent giving these past few months. As we do not know what the remainder of the year will bring, the Congregation Council made the decision to apply for a loan through the federal Paycheck Protection Program, also known as "PPP." The PPP is a loan designed to provide direct incentive for small businesses and non-profit organizations to keep their employees on the payroll and off unemployment. The Small Business Administration (SBA) will forgive these loans if all employees are retained and at least sixty percent of the loan proceeds are used exclusively for payroll; up to forty percent of the loan proceeds may be used for rent, mortgage interest, or utilities. A separate application for loan forgiveness is required. If the loan is not forgiven, the interest rate is 1% per year, and the loan with interest must be repaid within five years.

In July, Good Shepherd received a PPP loan in the amount of \$39,908. Of this amount \$15,356.96 was put in the Preschool checking account to cover the payroll that was paid in April through June to fulfill the contracts for the school year. Preschool contracts were able to be paid in full while tuition receipts were stopped for these months. The remainder of \$24,551.04 was added to the church checking account and has been used to pay the staff their full salaries since we were required to quarantine.

While the PPP is a loan and was not included as part of the 2020 budget, it is the intention of the Congregation Council to apply for full loan forgiveness once the funds have been received and fully dispersed, therefore incurring no additional costs.

### **Are you donating through the Good Shepherd Website? Considering it? Important Tips from the Treasurer**

A few months ago it became possible to donate to Good Shepherd via the "Donate Now" button on our website ([www.gskop.org](http://www.gskop.org)) using a credit card or a debit directly from your bank account. Several members and guests have been using this new method of giving. Here are some suggestions for making donations via this method more effective. Contact Karen Lehman, Treasurer, if you have any questions.  
([karen\\_lehman@verizon.net](mailto:karen_lehman@verizon.net))

**Make donations monthly instead of weekly.** There is a transaction fee for each online transaction, so it is better to make one monthly donation if possible rather than four or five weekly donations.

**Choose to help offset the transaction and credit card fees.** When you pay with a credit card the church is charged a fee, but you are given the opportunity to cover the fees. Also, with debit transactions you are given the opportunity to cover the transaction fee.

**Use online banking via your banking institution.** If you use online banking to pay your bills, you can set Good Shepherd up to receive your donation through this system and there are no extra fees to you or the church. Many of our members make their donations this way. Some have weekly payments sent to the church automatically and others do it monthly or twice a month.

Thank you to all who have been able to maintain your giving throughout this pandemic. We are grateful for your taking the time to mail in checks or adding Good Shepherd to your online banking or donating through the website. For anyone experiencing financial difficulties at this time, we understand and hold you in prayer.



**LUTHERAN  
WORLD RELIEF**

*Thank You!*

July 14, 2020

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous support of \$300.00! You have helped us to respond—quickly and efficiently—to stop the spread of coronavirus. Your love can protect families right now.

Right now, our world is in crisis. We pray that God will bring healing to those who are sick, comfort those who mourn and an end to the spread of the virus. In a time when things are uncertain, your generosity is a testament to the love and compassion that still exists in the world.

Lutheran World Relief is committed to carrying your love to every neighbor. We still need your continued support. Please be sure to stay connected to us through our website, [lwr.org](http://lwr.org), where you can find stories and updates of the work you make possible. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us at 800.597.5972 or [lwr@lwr.org](mailto:lwr@lwr.org).

Together, you and our Christian health association partners to stop the spread of coronavirus in some of the most fragile places on earth. God bless you and your generous spirit.

Thank you,

Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard  
President and CEO

*As required by the IRS, this receipt confirms that Lutheran World Relief has given you no goods or services in return for your charitable contribution of \$300.00—Coronavirus Response.*

**Please retain this letter for tax purposes**

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***THANK YOU FROM VICAR NATHAN***

Dear Good Shepherd Family,

On September 5, 2019, I had lunch with Pastor Julie and heard for the first time about the congregation with which I would be spending the upcoming year. I remember clearly what she said then: “They are such good people. They love Jesus, they love our seminarians, and they will love you.” Little did we know, then, how that faithfulness in love would be put to the test, as our world quickly changed six months later. In a sense, I have had two fieldwork placements—six months of parish ministry as it had been, and six months of parish ministry as it is becoming.

The generosity of this congregation is astounding. You are people who not only proclaim the good news of resurrection but also go into your world as ambassadors of new life in Christ. Where there is hunger, you feed. Where there is poverty, you give. Where there is loneliness, you visit. In the midst of the challenges of physical distance and the risks of contagious disease, you find new ways to gather, new ways to embrace, and new ways to carry on the mission of the church. I have learned so much this year about the ways that the Holy Spirit is breathing new life into our world each day, because I have seen Christ alive in you.

My journey now leads to Lankenau Medical Center, where I will be serving as a Chaplain Intern and completing a course of clinical pastoral education. I am thankful for your prayers as I take this next step—and I hope I don't see any of you as patients there! I will miss sharing my life with you on a regular basis, but Pastor Julie will probably find ways of bringing me back to the hill from time to time... In the meantime, I will leave you with one more message, with which I close every sermon. It's a truth that has been confirmed time and time again during my year with Good Shepherd, and it remains my favorite way of preaching the gospel in five words: Surely, God is with us.

Much love,  
Vicar Nathan

***THANK YOU FOR THE CHURCH BELLS***

*7/14/20*

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your wonderful bells. I have enjoyed them for 30 years here on Anderson Road.

The Patriotic hymns were a great addition.

Blessings,  
Janet

***WELCOME TO OUR NEW VICAR THOMAS (TOM) NATALINI***

Tom grew up and currently resides in Trooper, PA, and is a member of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church of Audubon. He graduated from Susquehanna University in 2015 with a degree in Political Science, Religious Studies, and Economics. After graduating, he was a ministry intern at Unity ELCA in Milwaukee, WI.

The following year, Tom attended Union Theological Seminary in NYC, where he studied for two years. He then transferred to United Lutheran Seminary in the Spring of 2018 and is currently in his final year of studies toward completing a Master of Divinity degree. Tom's academic interests include the history of ideas of the Christian tradition, as well as contemplative traditions and practices. He also enjoys gardening, writing, and rooting on all Philly sports.



**GOOD SHEPHERD PRESCHOOL NEWS**

In order to keep our students and staff safe and healthy, the preschool will be "hibernating" until January 2021. For more information, please contact Diane Smith at 610-265-0733.



Due to the delay of the Preschool opening until January, we are pleased to announce our “Packet Preschool Program”. We offer a two times per month program that would provide families with age appropriate packets filled with crafts, games, songs, book suggestions, worksheets, and coloring pages. Tips for using the packet and other ideas to keep preschoolers engaged in learning would be included. This program is open to anyone and includes a mailed option.

Please contact Diane Smith at [gskoppreschool@verizon.net](mailto:gskoppreschool@verizon.net) or 610-265-0733.



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**NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE...MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd**

Please submit your articles to the Church Office via email: [gskopstaff@verizon.net](mailto:gskopstaff@verizon.net)

### FALL OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 9:00 A.M. - Noon Through Oct.  
Monday—Friday 9:00 A.M.—Noon Oct.-May

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 A.M. Service Of Holy Communion  
Adult Education Hour—10:45 am via Zoom



### THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF

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Preschool Director—Diane Smith	610-265-0733
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