Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Church Council Meeting Summary

June 15, 2026

12 In Attendance | **0** Decisions | **4** Motions Passed

The church council met with twelve members present to conduct regular business and vote on key matters. Major agenda items included discussion of the Synod Assembly, broadcast license renewal, facility improvements including handicap parking spots and shingle repair, a lighting system upgrade for the social room (with action to obtain a third contractor quote), implementation of direct deposit for employee payroll, and recognition of new congregational member Denise. The council also received presentation of the ministry package, with Andy tasked to continue enhancing the program, and heard parish council minutes and officer reports, scheduling the next parish council meeting for September with Linda Turchetta responsible for submitting minutes. Four motions were brought to a vote and all passed unanimously: acceptance of the pastor report with additional information, acceptance of the minutes with amendments, acceptance of the treasurer report with supplemental discussion, and approval to adopt the name Hope Evangelical Lutheran Parish effective July 1, 2026 when referring to the joint parish.

GIVE BLOOD **August 25th 12-5:30PM**

Don't want to miss out on events & interested in joining the youth group!?

Contact: Rachel King 724-454-6476

Sunday School will resume
September 13th @ 9:45AM

Save the Date!
Sunday, August 16th during **11:00am** service there will be a back-to-school blessing!

Community Fellowship Upcoming Events

September 12th 11:00-1:00PM-
Chicken BBQ
Purchase tickets by August 31st

October 16th 6:30-8:30PM –
Trunk or Treat
More information to come

December 4th 6:00-8:30PM-
Light Up Night
More information to come

(*All activities are tentative & subject to change*)

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ATTENTION MEALS ON WHEELS COOKIE BAKERS

Homemade or Store Bought **are welcome!** Please drop your cookies off **AT THE CHURCH**.

AUGUST

COOKIE BAKERS (GROUP 4) Cookie Sunday is August 9, 2026.

Janet Ambrose	Michele McMahan
Patti Benton	Jenny Luffy
Carol Clawson	

We are still collecting cookies for **Meals-on-Wheels.** At **180 meals per day, 5 days a week**, we get enough cookies for about **2 days.**

New contributors are always welcome!

This event is free, but we ask you to get a ticket so we know how many adult, youth and children will be attending in order to prepare accordingly. Bring your ticket to the event. The tickets will be used to draw for door prizes

(*Please note this will be the only worship service that weekend for both congregations. No Saturday or Sunday worship will be held in either church.)*

If you wish to help in the planning, please contact Jack Gesalman ASAP at (724)-837-7556.

Jack Gesalman & Fellowship Committee

Women's Summer Bible Study at Zion's Lutheran Church Greensburg:

All women are welcome to **come to any or all** of the sessions. No reservations necessary. If you can, bring your Bible & a copy of Gather Magazine. However, if you do not, you may borrow a bible and copies of the bible study pages from the magazine will be provided. The theme this summer is "*I am worthy*". It is designed to help us define who we are, what we can be, and what we do in the world, in light of our God-given giftedness, identities, and relationships. Zion's address is 140 S. Pennsylvania Ave. and they ask that you enter thru the side door on Second Ave. There is only one small step into the air conditioned social hall. **The doors will open at 5:30pm for light refreshments and fellowship. Each bible study will begin at 6:00** and conclude by 7:00 to give people the chance to get home while there is still daylight. We hope you will join us, even bring a friend.

Session 3) Wednesday, August 12th

Zion's Women of the ELCA are collecting an offering this year, "$Change$ for a Change" to support this year's designated outreach, reagan's journey. Therefore, if you are able, bring along some loose change for the piggy bank. We appreciate it and look forward to seeing you there!

SWPA Women of the ELCA Designated Outreach 2026: reagan's journey.

Started in 2012, reagan's journey is a free pediatric closet where families, caregivers, agencies, and hospitals can help children get medical equipment they desperately needed without waiting upwards of 6 months navigating through insurance denials and appointment wait times. Custom equipment is best, but no child should have to wait and insurance will only cover 1 piece of equipment every 3-5 years and as we know children are constantly growing! Reagan's Journey accepts gently used pediatric durable medical equipment and unused medical supplies. The items are sanitized and redistributed to children in need. If you or

someone you know would like to donate gently used pediatric medical equipment, please contact them to see if they are able to accept it at this time and to arrange a drop off appointment. Their phone number is 724-826-0778, their email address is info@reagansjourney.org and their website is reagansjourney.org. Anyone who is caring for a child with special needs and is willing to make the trip can schedule an appointment to have access to pick out items they are in need of. On average, they serve 500 families per year by giving them the supplies they need for their kids - for FREE! We are asked to help with monetary donations, their greatest need. It costs $150 per family to operate the Reagan's Journey Closet. Financial support keeps the pediatric medical equipment closet FREE to families who need it. Please make checks Payable to: SWPA Women of the ELCA

Write on the designation line: Reagan's Journey

Mail checks to: Janet Fishovitz 136 Clearwater Drive Ellwood City, PA 16117.

Reagan's Journey is also excepting $25 Gift Cards for Amazon, Walmart and Sheetz. If you drop gift cards in the church office please mark them what they are for and they will be delivered at the Lutherlyn Fall Retreat. Thank you for your donations.

2026 Joint Retreat SW & NW PA at Camp Lutherlyn "Stop, Listen, Hear" September 25-27, 2026 Our theme Bible verse is Mark 4:23 "If you have ears to hear, then hear!" (nrsvue). It's going to be an incredible weekend filled with faith, fellowship, and fun as we take time to slow down, listen for God's voice, and truly hear His message. Grants are available to help with the expense of camp See Karen for the proper forms if you are interested. The Retreat Committee is still looking for a few more people to join them and help make this year's retreat amazing! If you'd like to be part of the planning team, please contact either Angeline Schaefer at 724-787-5235 or Donna Petrell at 742-457-9662. We can't wait to gather together and see everyone at Camp Lutherlyn this September!

If you have any questions about any of the Women of the ELCA activities, please contact Karen Gesalman at 724-309-2667.

Happy Birthday to:

August

Susanne Strasser	(08/02)
Brady Luffy	(08/03)
Isla Bailey	(08/04)
William Ambrose	(08/05)
Dakoda Perry	(08/07)
Presley Darragh	(08/08)
Camryn Ecker	(08/09)
Marsha Williams	(08/11)
Lily Huth	(08/12)
Jennifer Luffy	(08/13)
Bettie Davis	(08/14)
Jay Brunot	(08/15)
Timothy Donahue	(08/20)
William Stewart	(08/23)
Barbara Tychinski	(08/23)
Alexander Isler	(08/25)
David Wolfe	(08/28)
Carol Clawson	(08/29)

(If we have missed your birthday, we do not have it in our records. Please help us update them. Thank you)

PRAYER LIST - **Our thoughts and prayers are with the following:**

Good Shepherd Members*:*

Tony Mariani	Jackie Guhl
Jane Elliott	Val Pollock
Erik Williams	Mac McMurtrie
Jerry Plummer	Vincent Smith
John Strasser	Chuck Ober
Kay Wright	Joy Stynchula

Friends and relatives of the Good Shepherd family:

Lauren Floyd	Brian Murphy
Gianna	Tobi Geyer
Chris Brinker	
Maxine Shroyer	Bob Neumann
Elaine Grace	Kevin Ober
Silas Howells	Maria Meyers
David Beistel	Joanie S
Camryn Ecker	

Those in care facilities:

Redstone Highlands: Donna Sheridan, Dorothy Stewart
Mt. View Senior Care: Carole Bridges
Woodcrest Senior Living Community: George Billig

Those in the Service

NATIONAL GUARD	Spencer Geohrig
NAVY:	Derek Leach

We pray for the safety of all military personnel and their families and give thanks to God for their service to our nation.

We welcome names for the Good Shepherd prayer list. Names will appear on the list for one month unless we are contacted to keep them longer. Thank you