



Minutes recorded by Diana Salentino.

Call to order- 6:30 pm by B Gesalman, Chair.

Attendance; Bonnie Altman, Andrew King, Diana Salentino, Brian Gesalman, Jenny Luffy, Jim Stewart, Greg Bittner, Jack Gesalman, Andrea Territ, Amy Donahue, Linda Turchetta, Denny Clawson and Pastor Paul Gruesu.

Excused;

Devotions; Andrea Territ

Accept Agenda; Motion to accept by Jenny Luffy, seconded and approved.

Communications; The Sunday service is in need of Altar Guild Volunteers. Setting up communion is a nice way to serve the church. Please contact Linda Harbaugh. Lastly, Mr. Gilbert Markle passed away.

Reports;

-Pastor Gruesu visited with Mr. Markle at Westmoreland Hospital. Pastor then officiated at his funeral April 14th.

-Pastor Gruseu reported on visitations to members and meetings with council members.

- March Minutes; The following corrections were noted in the February minutes, Jim Stewart was excused from the council meeting and Nancy Maxson's name was misspelled.

- Motion to accept March minutes, Jenny Luffy, seconded and approved.

Committee Reports;

Youth-Youth outing to Urban Air Sunday, April 27th at 9-11am.

Committee Fellowship- Lunch with the Bunny was a great event. They had over 60 children and Adults! The next event is May 4th, Cinco De Mayo Taco Bar. Committee met and has planned out the rest of the years events. Next Community Fellowship Meeting scheduled for Sunday, April 27th at 7pm.

Christian Education-Last class was Palm Sunday. Sunday School will resume in the fall.

Property- Worked with Nancy to get ballast in choir room replaced.

Evangelism- Sent welcome fliers to new neighbors in the area inviting them to church. Advertised on social media for Good Shepherd food cupboard. Prepared welcome bags on front table for visitors to church services. Brian Gesalman is encouraging congregation to take the welcome bags to any new neighbors they may know. Pastor Gruesu mentioned to have new neighbors fill out welcome visitor cards so he could follow up and reach out to new people.

Rocking Horse Preschool- RHPS is still accepting preschool students for the 3-year old class. Four-year-old class is full. Reviewed recruitment tools for the school. The State License is approved, and police background reports are complete and approved for another 3 years. Debbie Territ is stepping down as Board President at the end of the school year, June 2025. A new president is required for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. The new president should be a member of the board.

Upcoming classroom activities include 4-year old conferences, a police officer visit, classroom observations by a member of the board and Easter Party.

Side church yard was cleaned up so the children can participate in outdoor play. An outdoor storage container was gifted by the church to the preschool.

Mother's Day Tea and Graduation is scheduled for May 2025.

Worship and Music-The Worship and Music Committee is reaching out to additional sources regarding the installation of external speakers on the organ. They are arranging a meeting with the Allen Organ representative to discuss additional concerns about the project.

The electrician has installed new outlets that are available around the organ.

Old Buisness;

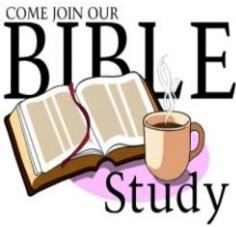
Search for partner congregation- A prospective congregation has expressed interest in a shared pastor and will meet with the shared Pastor's Bishop Assistant. It is a procedure that is moving along steadily.

Council Retreat- The Congregation Council and Congregational officers will meet for a retreat on June 1st. At Kathy Wolfe's home.

Voting Members for 2025 Synod Assembly-We are currently looking for a volunteer to be a voting representative at the Synod Assembly. The assembly will be at La Roche University, June 12, 6pm to June 14, 12:30 pm. Please contact Pastor Gruesu for more information.

Internal Audit- Pastor Gruesu will be meeting with Mary Lou and Linda Turchetta to review the audit.

Adjournment Next meeting May 19, 2025.



May Adult Bible Class

The Adult Bible Class will continue in May with a two-part look at the Gospel of John. John's gospel is quite + different from the other three gospels, and includes many longer stories about people who encountered Jesus.

The class, led by Pastor Ed, will meet on the usual first and third Sunday of the month, May 4 and 18, at 9:30 am. These will be the final classes before the summer break.

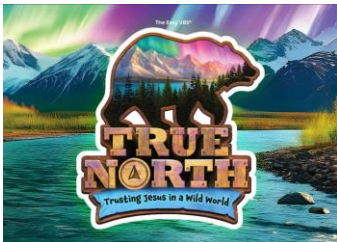


Starting **June 1st** Sunday services will start at **9:30AM**

Don't want to miss out on events & interested in joining the youth group!?
Contact: Rachel King 724-454-6476



Thank you to our wonderful teachers Jack Gesalman, Andrea Territ & Jackie Gesalman!
We will see you back in September!



Save the DATE!
June 16-20th

Registration open! Scan QR code below to register!



Volunteer MTG **May 10th 12:00PM**. Lunch provided!

Community Fellowship Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 4th 5:00-7:00PM-



Saturday, June 14th-

Set up outside in the parking lot & sell your items at the church!

Monday, June 16th-20th 9:00-12:00PM-



Saturday, July 26th -

More information coming soon

Saturday, September 6th 11:30-2:00PM -

More information coming soon



Friday, October 17th 6:30PM-8:30PM-

Trunk or Treat & Fun House

Grab some coffee at the **Coffin Bean & Co.** or some tasty food from **Chick-fil-A!**

Friday, December 5th 6:00PM-8:30PM -

4th Annual Light Up Night

More information coming soon



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



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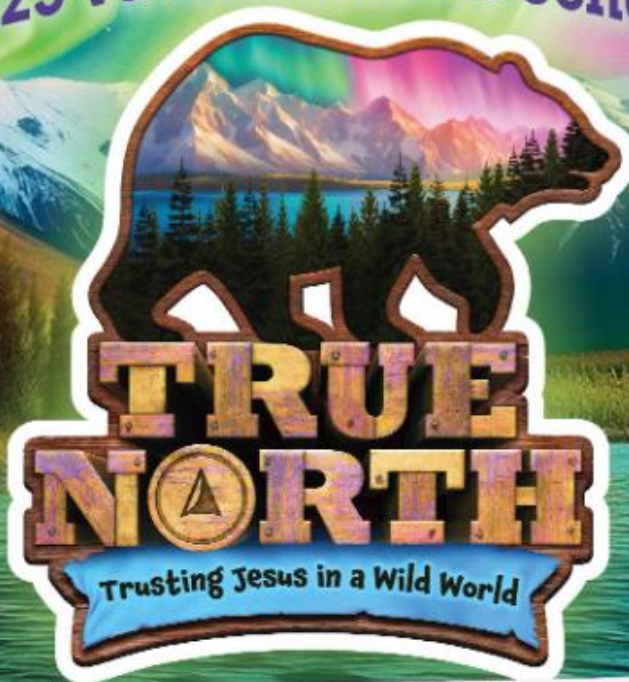
MAYO!

SUNDAY MAY 4 • 5-7PM

TACO BAR | DESSERT | FUN!

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
501 Fairfield Drive • Greensburg Pa

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
2025 Vacation Bible School



Join us for a *WILD* week of fun!

June 16-20, 2025 • \$15/child

8:45AM - 12PM

ALL are welcome! Pre/K - 5th Grade

MUST BE FULLY POTTY-TRAINED

Scan the QR Code
to Register Today!





Hot Dog Sunday

Join us for Hot Dog Sunday! On the last Sunday of every month* gather in the Social Room following the 10:30am service. Enjoy a toppings bar, chips, side, and a drink with your hot dog!

**Excluding November, December, June, July & August.*



Find the cross (+)

In each monthly Newsletter there will be a hidden cross (+) that can be found in one of the articles! If you find, please turn in where it was found including page # and article found in with your name & number on a piece of paper. At the end of each month, all who turn in will be entered into a monthly drawing to win a prize!

In order to be entered your slip must be turned into office into container labeled

Find the cross by the
3rd Sunday of the month.



Congratulations to our April winner

Mary Ann McMurtrie

*The cross was located on page

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News & Announcements

*To include something in the bulletin, please have it to the church office by 9:00 am. Tuesday.

The deadline for the June, July, August Newsletter is May 19th.



A colorful poster for Rocking Horse Preschool enrollment. The title "Rocking Horse Preschool" is written in multi-colored letters, with "Enroll Today!" in blue brushstrokes below it. The poster lists class schedules for 3-year-olds (Tuesday & Thursday) and 4-year-olds (Monday, Wednesday & Friday). It includes a QR code for online registration, a yellow arrow pointing to it, and a wooden rocking horse with a rainbow mane. The address is 501 Fairfield Drive, Greensburg, PA, and contact information is provided.

Rocking Horse Preschool
Enroll Today!

3 yr old AM & PM Classes
Tuesday & Thursday

4 yr old AM & PM Classes
Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Scan QR to register online

501 Fairfield Drive • Greensburg, PA
Questions? Contact church office at (724) 834-1940



May Committee Meetings

Anyone welcome to JOIN!

Saturday, 10th 12:00PM-Vacation Bible School MTG

BGS (Books, Games & Scripture) Monday, May 12th 7PM-Bring any books you've read that you might want to share with the group. We will have a brief devotion and discuss plans for summer activities. Possibly a picnic or go to see a play or musical? Your ideas, involvement and input is appreciated.

**Save the dates: Sept. 26-28 2025 retreat at Camp Lutherlyn.
July 16-19, 2026 is the national Triennial Gathering
in Des Moines, IA**

SWPA Women of the ELCA Designated

Outreach 2025: Robin's Home Veteran

Services opened in April of 2020. They are a transitional housing program providing a continuum of care for homeless, unstably housed and low income female veterans and their children. Headquartered in Butler, they also serve the larger surrounding area. Beyond housing, they offer peer support services and safe spaces for veterans to share their stories with empathetic support of one another. They address mental health and promote personal growth. By also running Veterans HEART Resource Center, they offer a range of services including education, employment assistance, healthcare advocacy and community engagement. You may find more information at <https://robinshome.us>. Our church is asked to help them by donating the following items:



- shelf stable coffee creamer & sugar
- laundry detergent & dryer sheets
- cleaning supplies
- brooms, dustpans, mops, mop buckets
- towels and washcloths
- \$25 gift cards - Walmart, Aldi or Visa

Monetary donations also appreciated by making Checks Payable to: SWPA Women of the ELCA and designating them to Robin's Home.

Then bring them to convention or mail them to: **Janet Fishovitz
136 Clearwater Drive Ellwood City, PA 16117**

The big pink box is in the vestibule to collect any donated tangible items but please do not leave gift cards or checks there.

-If you have any questions about any of the Women of the ELCA activities, please contact **Karen Gesalman at 724-3009-2667.**

BLANKET SUNDAY-MAY 11, 2025

Mothers' Day weekend this year is May 10th and May 11th, and once again Good Shepherd Church members are invited to participate in a collection to fund the acquisition and distribution of blankets and other disaster relief items to people in need. For the small sum of \$10.00 you can give a blanket to help victims of earthquakes, storms, fires, or the ravages of war. Please use the Blanket Sunday envelopes provided on the table in the commons area to make your donation in honor of or in memory of a mother, grandmother or other special women this Mothers' Day.



Reservations have been made for the **Lund Pavilion** at **Mt. Odin Park** (by the playground) for **August 24th**. Mark this date on your calendar!

If you would like to help plan this picnic, please let The Church office or Jack Gesalman know.

This change has been made to a less expensive pavilion with better restroom facilities and a better playground



Meals-on-Wheels Cookie Update

Calling all cookie bakers! Our Meals-on Wheels donation program is still in operation. Fifteen years ago we had 17 contributors per month. Now we are lucky to get 5 or 6 contributors per month. Could you help out? Now that the weather is getting cooler we can bake up a storm! (Just kidding!) But seriously, how can you make a difference? Just send 3 or 4 dozen cookies to the church on the second Sunday of the month. No nuts or coconut please. The elderly recipients will be thankful! P.S. Bought cookies are also acceptable and appreciated.

-Dorothy Gesalman, Coordinator

ATTENTION MEALS ON WHEELS COOKIE BAKERS



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

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COOKIE BAKERS (GROUP 1) Cookie Sunday is May 11, 2025.

Barbara Henderson	Fran Robb	Sue Strasser
Fran Ober	Donna Sheridan	

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.



Want to learn what Camp Lutherlyn has to offer? Visit Camp Blast on **May 10th** from **11:00-4:30pm**, pick up a postcard on the table in the Commons Area.

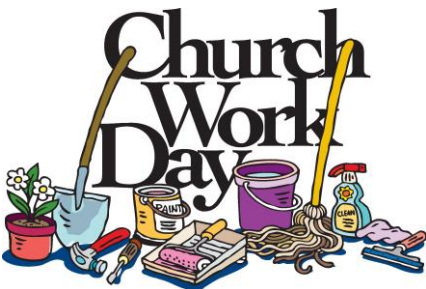
Worship on Chapel Hill on **June 8th** at **3:30pm**.

Please also consider making a donation to summer scholarships. No child is turned away.

Lutherlyn PO Box 355 Prospect, PA 16052

Dar Frederickson- Lutherlyn Rep.- darfrederick@aol.com for more information.

www.lutherlyn.com/campblast



Join property committee **Sunday, May 18th @ 11:30AM** for church clean up. Bring a change of clothes. Lunch will be provided!

Flower Word Search



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 Carnation
 Columbine
 Cosmos
 Crocus
 Daffodil
 Dahlia

Echinacea
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 Freesia
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 Geranium
 Hibiscus
 Hyacinth
 Impatiens
 Iris
 Jasmine
 Jonquil
 Lavender
 Lily

Lotus
 Marigold
 Nasturtium
 Orchid
 Pansy
 Petunia
 Rose
 Snowdrop
 Tulip
 Violet
 Wisteria
 Yarrow
 Zinnia



Happy Birthday to:



May

Susan Rhome	(05/01)
Colin Ecker	(05/02)
Gregory Harbaugh	(05/02)
William Benton	(05/03)
Dennis Clawson	(05/09)
Anthony Japalucci	(05/09)
Halla Miller	(05/17)
Addison Hoone	(05/18)
Luke Sikora	(05/18)
Ashley Fearer	(05/21)
Terry Mays	(05/21)
Cameron Alderson	(05/22)
Matthew Alderson	(05/22)
John Mathers	(05/22)
Kristen Ecker	(05/23)
Iver Tarris	(05/23)
Mycal Jones	(05/27)

(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:

Prayers to the Meyers family & friends in the passing of Good Shepherd member Charlotte Hein (Todd's mother)
Prayers to the family & friends of Gilbert Markle, a charter member of Good Shepherd, at his passing

Good Shepherd Members:

Tony Mariani
Jackie Guhl
Jane Elliott
Val Pollock
Erik Williams
Lynda Gesalman
Mac McMurtrie
Bill Ambrose
Bonnie Altman
Jess Darragh
Jack & Mina Rutter
Darlene Fligger
Joyce Coates
Debbie Sullenberger

Friends and relatives of the Good Shepherd family:

Laura Starzynski & Family
Lauren Floyd
Brian Murphy
Janice Territ
Gianna
Greg Pologouto

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.