



DEVOTIONS: Brian Gesalman

ACCEPT AGENDA: No Amendments made to the agenda. Agenda accepted. See motion above.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Denny noted boiler furnace funding going well and he will work with finance to provide periodic letters of appreciation to contributors.

Harry noted Carol Bridges has moved from New Haven Court to Mountain View Senior Living

MINUTES: February Meeting Minutes accepted as presented.

PASTOR'S REPORT: February report accepted as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: February report accepted as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Worship and Music

Worship & Music should review procedure for assigning people to lead Saturday night & Sunday services

B. Rocking Horse Preschool

Planning Easter party before Easter break. Teacher evaluations being completed this month. Parent / teacher meetings this month. Preschool license submitted and in review process. Registration open am 4-year-old class is full with 12. 3 so far registered for 4-year-old pm class need at least 8 to run class. 3-year-old am class has 5 registered so far. Next meeting not till April 15.

C. Christian Education

Seder Meal planned for March 17th. There will be no

Sunday Club April 14th. Last Sunday Club until fall is April 28th.

D. Youth

March 17th Youth went to 814 Lanes & Games

E. Property

Rug grip mats were ordered. Purchase of new rugs in process. 2nd Sanctuary carpet cleaning quote received. Electrician was out to quote doorbell and sanctuary lighting. Planning a property meeting sometime in the next month. Property to discuss shed and tractor issues at next meeting.

It was communicated to council by Chuck Luffy that there is excess glue on flooring in back hallway from recent installation. To be reviewed by Property committee for ability to have flooring cleaned up by installer.

F. Community Fellowship

Lunch with the Bunny was a success we had 33 Adults and 30 children attend. Upcoming events Vacation Bible School June 10-14! Volunteers needed 1st MTG will be April 7th @ 12:00PM Lunch will be provided. Outdoor Movie Nights July 13th & August 10th 8:00PM. Trunk or Treat & Fun House October 12th 6:30-8:30PM. 3rd Annual Light Up Night December 6th 5:00-8:00PM.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Search for Partner congregation

Pastor Paul stated that prospective shared pastor candidate previously discussed is continuing to progress with potential interest from other church council. Meeting to be set up in April with Pastor and select members from each council to perform some discussion. Pastor Paul to discuss requirements with Pastor Asplin on necessary actions if prospect moves forward to official proceedings.

B. Removing inactive members

Draft Letter in progress. Sensitivity of sending letter was discussed by council. Pastor Paul noted that similar letter from Saint Matthias Lutheran Church was provided to help in drafting of letter.

C. Newsletter preferences

There was continued discussion from council on church members being unaware of the change. Following discussion, J. Luffy made a motion based on Pastor Paul's recommendation to send out a 1-page notification to all listed church members to clearly state the option to request receipt of the newsletter mailing with details on how to request receipt via phone or mail reply. Motion was seconded by D. Clawson. Motion was carried by All votes in favor, None opposed.

D. Constitution updates

Council reviewed letters from Jack Gesalman in regard to needing a constitution committee adhoc committee. Jack stated in letter that he was lead of an active Constitution committee, therefore no new committee was necessary. J. Luffy and A. Donahue also have joined committee. D. Clawson also volunteered to join committee. 1st meeting to be held in April.

It was also suggested that constitution committee reviews current committee list and discusses ability to eliminate and combine committees where possible.

E. Moving or replacing organ

Worship and Music committee is continuing to meet on options to move organ. Currently no plans to replace organ.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Clarify committee liaisons and chairpersons

List of committee liaisons in bulletin contains errors for Finance liaison as well as Property chairperson. It was already discovered and to be corrected on next bulletins. Note in Constitution update for potential review of committees.

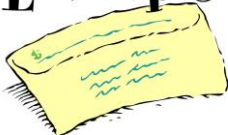
B. Wedding for non-members

Pastor Paul brought to council a request to have a wedding ceremony at the church for non-members at their request. Church documents state that each request for a non-member wedding is to be approved by church council. Details discussed: Pastor Paul noted that the marriage is recognized as granted by the church and provided by the residing pastor of the church. In this way, the council would also approve non-member marriages conducted by the serving pastor which would be performed away from Good Shepherd.

Consensus vote was obtained to commence the marriage of the stated non-members to be conducted in 2025. It was also suggested that we review and update the documentation due to its age. Amy volunteered to look into updating the pricing.

ADJOURNMENT: NEXT MEETING is April 15th.

Offering Envelopes



Offering envelopes are available to be picked up in church office. If you do not have envelopes at this time and wish to receive them contact the church office.

Budget Income Report YTD thru Feb 29

YTD Income – means the posted income toward the Budget (Other income not included)

YTD Budget – means the income expected in January & February according to the budget

Budget Exp – Paid expenses that are budget related for year to date

Offering total is inflated because of one-time contributions made for the year

Category	YTD Income	YTD Budget	Budget Exp
Offering	40955	26,000	
Loose	166	250	
Sunday School	79	150	
Initial	146	160	
Ash Wednesday	1038	500	
Rocking Horse	800	800	
Total	43,184	27,860	33,171

Non-budget Lent Envelope collection so far is \$150 to be donated to West Point Fire Company. Lent is only 14 days' old

Non-budgeted Furnace (Boiler) Fund has taken in \$5,860 in January & February. The goals are a minimum of \$6000 a year for 5 years or \$30,000 total. We are nearing this year's goal already but still need \$24,140 to retire the debt. It would be nice to get a year ahead during this year.



Save the Date- **April 18th**
12:30-6:00PM



Grades Pre/K-8th

April

7th- Sunday Club 9:30AM

14th- NO Sunday Club

21st- Sunday Club 9:30AM

End of Year
CELEBRATION

28th- Last Sunday Club 9:30AM



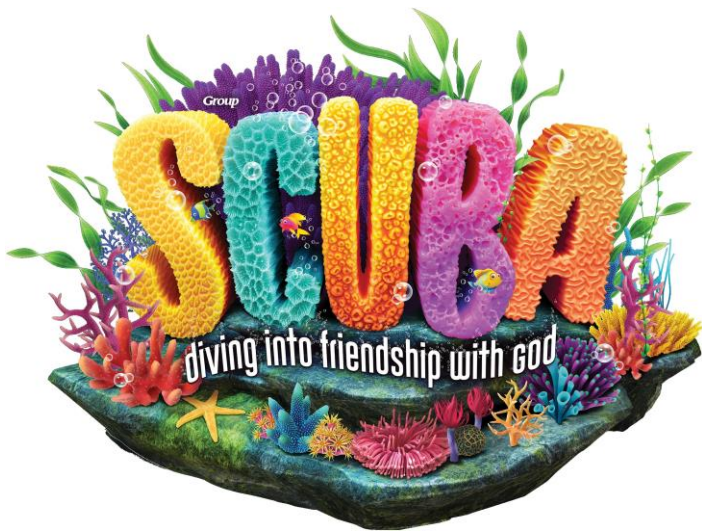
JR/SR

Youth will be packing the Food 2 Go on April 28th time TBD

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



Youth having FUN at 814 Lanes & Games in March!



**Dive into fun this summer June 10-14th at
Good Shepherd for Vacation Bible School!**



**Interested in being a volunteer scan QR code to
sign up or contact the church office!
(Volunteer MTG April 7th 12PM Lunch provided)**

***Participant registration deadline is May 12th @
10:30AM Use QR code above to register!**

Community Fellowship Upcoming Events

Monday, June 10th – Friday, June 14th 8:45AM-12:00PM-
Vacation Bible School



Dive In for a FUN week!
Pre/K-5th
(Must be fully potty trained)
Cost- \$15.00 per kid
Scan QR code to register



Saturday, July 13th 8:00PM &
Saturday, August 10th 8:00PM-
Outdoor Movie Nights

Join us for a magical night under the stars



More information coming soon



Saturday, October 12th 6:30PM 8:30PM-
Trunk or Treat & Fun House
Join us for a Spooky evening of Tricks & Treats!

More information coming soon

Friday, December 6th 5:00-8:00PM-
3rd Annual Light Up Night

More information coming soon



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



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 March winner Jean Brunot!

The cross was located on page 16 under the annual ladies dinner article

BLANKET SUNDAY - MAY 12, 2024

Mothers' Day weekend this year is May 11th and May 12th, 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 found on the table in the commons area to make your donation in honor of or in memory of a mother, grandmother or other special woman this Mothers' Day.

Good Shepherd's Ninth Annual Art Show

Sponsored by the Fellowship Committee



The Art Show is Saturday, April 27th from 6:30 to 8:30 and Sunday, April 28th from 9:30 to 10:20 and after the service till 12:30 as part of the end of the month hot dog lunch. **Come and enjoy the art and the desserts and hors-d'oeuvres at the reception on Saturday.** (Sunday's show gets the left-over food or hot dogs).. Last year we had 91 pieces from 36 exhibitors of all ages. This number was down a little from previous years. We hope to increase it for this year. Exhibits included pencil drawings, wood work, quilting, photography, cross-stitching, paintings, ceramics, and clay sculpture among others. Share your talents and the talents of your children, grandchildren or parents. The show is a success because of the variety of our exhibits. If you've shown before, I hope you're planning on showing something new or something old this year, and if you have never shown anything make this year the year to join the exhibit. Church groups and organizations that meet at the church, friends and neighbors are invited to submit their art as well. Drop off your art + at the church Saturday April 27th from 10 to 4 and plan on picking it up at 12:30 after the Sunday service. Any questions contact Jack Gesalman, 724-837-7556! **If you want to show your art please fill out a registration form found on the greeter's table (or the one in the newsletter) stating what you would like to display, and put in the basket on greeters' table by the Sunday before the show. If you would like to bring hors-d'oeuvres or desserts a sign up paper will be posted by the fountain.**

Jack W Gesalman, Fellowship Chair

GOOD SHEPHERD ART SHOW

Name _____ Phone # _____

Age if under 18 _____ Grade if student _____ Number of pieces _____

Bring art to Church April 27th, from 10 to 4. Show and reception is from 6:30 to 8 after the 5:30 service, second show is 9:30 to 10:20 before service and after the service till 12:30 on April 28th. Pick up art 12:30 till 1:00 on April 27th

Contact Jack Gesalman 724-837-7556 for details, questions or pick-up

Title of work	Medium	Type of Display
_____	_____	_____
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If Title of Work is exact, it's easier to do program. Medium means pencil, charcoal, acrylic, wood...

All women from the church, your friends & family are invited to participate in any or all of our activities.

Please share this information with them. If you have any questions, please contact Lillian Shea or Karen Gesalman.

Sat., April 13th Spring Cluster Gathering here at Good Shepherd 8:45 – Lunch.



We are thrilled to have Darlene Fredrickson's exchange students



Aleksis Ratenieks from Latvia and Tengo Kandelaki from Georgia give presentations on their countries. We will also be learning about the importance of the Lily Project, worshipping, socializing, eating and more with the women from all our area churches. Watch for a poster and sign-up sheet. It is \$10 to attend, payable upon arrival. You must sign-up by Sunday, April 7th or call Lillian Shea at 724-837-8688 to attend. We look forward to seeing you!

Tues., May 14th will be the annual Ladies dinner. All ages of women and girls are invited! Fuggenthaler catering will be serving us a chicken parmesan dinner this year with the help of our crew of men volunteers. Adult tickets are \$25. There are discount tickets for girls 5-11 and children under 4 are free. We are in the process of confirming entertainment. Ticket sales will begin soon and must be purchased by May 5th.

Sat., May 18th 8-4 we are hosting the SWPA Women of the ELCA Convention “All Creation Praises and Sings.”

Convention begins with worship led by Bishop Kusserow with a Q&A immediately following. There will be announcements, fellowship, meetings, elections, lunch, bible study, designated outreach information, Fair Trade shopping and more! If you desire, you may also pre-order items from Equal Exchange. Please look at their website then email Pastor Linda Theophilus at revtheophilus@live.com your order. She will then place the orders and bring the pre-orders to the convention. Please have pre-orders to her by April 1, 2024. You must pre-register to attend convention. The cost of attending is \$40 and includes lunch. Convention registrations need received by April 30th. You can find the forms at www.swpasynod.org/ministries/welca in the Winter 2024 newsletter or Karen Gesalman would be glad to get them to you.

New nominees are needed for our 2025 Designated Outreach which will be voted on at the May convention.

When thinking about organizations for us to consider, try to think of local non-profit groups that need tangible items, money or gift cards and not just volunteers. If you have a group you would like to see supported, please provide them with an application to fill out. You may contact Karen with any questions or for forms. Application/nomination forms can also be found at

<https://www.swpasynod.org/ministries/welca> inside the Winter 2024 newsletter, Friends Inc. Forms need turned in by April 15th to Patty Newton 180 Newton Ln., Leechburg, PA 15656.

SWPA Women of the ELCA Designated Outreach Program:

At convention last May, a new 2024 Designated Outreach recipient was voted on. St. Peter's Lutheran Church After School Program in Evans City provides a safe place for children after school. They receive snacks, tutoring, play games, make crafts, and have free play time too at NO COST to those who qualify. All are welcome to attend their program.



We are asked to help by supplying some of these items:

- snacks – applesauce, Oreo's, pretzels, kids cereal, chips, etc. Please make sure they won't expire until at least June 2024
- washable tempera paint, glue and glue sticks, pony beads, fuse beads, googly eyes, permanent markers, thin ribbon, other craft items
- paper plates, paper cups, napkins, paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex
- card stock paper, index cards, construction paper, poster board
- board games, outdoor games
- disinfecting wipes &/or spray, garbage bags (all sizes)
- command hooks/strips
- small dollar store items that can be used as prizes or rewards

Monetary donations are also accepted by making checks payable to SWPA Women of the ELCA. Please designate on the memo line to St Peter's Lutheran Church After School Program. Mail these checks to Janet Fishovitz 136 Clearwater Dr., Ellwood City, PA 16117. We will currently be collecting items through May 18th.

Save these Dates:

Sept. 20-22 2024 retreat at camp Lutherlyn – more information later

July 16-19, 2026 Triennial Gathering in Des Moines, IA – You can register for triennial now at a discount! Check the Women of the ELCA website for information and forms. Registrations are transferable if you decide not to go. We hope you consider attending this life changing event.



Now enrolling for the 2024-2025 school year. There is currently AM & PM openings for the 3-year-old class and only PM classes available for the 4-year-old class. Contact the church office for more information or to pick up a registration form. You can also visit www.rockinghorsepreschool.com



Meals-on-Wheels Cookie Program

Our Meals-on-Wheels cookie program is still ongoing. The cookies are picked up at the church on the **2nd Sunday** of each month and delivered to the center on Monday morning. Anyone is welcome to donate cookies. At the present time, we are permitted to bake our own or buy them. You do not have to pack them into baggies, the center does this.

If you wish to be on the cookie contribution list, we usually donate three times a year. However, we will accept any donations. Many of our long-time cookie bakers are no longer with us or are elderly and no longer able to continue. So won't you please step up and be one of our contributors.

Thank You, Dorothy Gesalman

PS: If you cannot be in church on the **2nd Sunday**, please put them on the kitchen counter or in the freezer with a date and mark "Meals-on-Wheels".

ATTENTION MEALS ON WHEELS COOKIE BAKERS



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

APRIL

COOKIE BAKERS (GROUP 4) Cookie Sunday is April 10, 2024.

Janet Ambrose	Jenny Luffy
Patti Benton	Nancy Maxson
Carol Clawson	Michele McMahan

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.



April Committee Meetings

Anyone welcome to JOIN!

Saturday, April 6th 10AM- Property Committee MTG to discuss future projects and a spring work day. (Light refreshments served)

Sunday, April 7th 12PM- Christian Ed / Community Fellowship Committee- Volunteers needed to help out with Vacation Bible School **June 10th-14th**. Join us for a fun afternoon! (Lunch will be served)

Sunday, April 21st 7:00PM- Community Fellowship Committee will meet to discuss upcoming events.



Food to Go for West Point

***There are 28 children posted on the wall in the Commons Area. Sponsor 2 children by taking one and returning the picture to the office with \$15.00.**

***We will be packing for May. \$15.00 will cover the cost of 1 bag for TWO children. Please return picture and money by Sunday, April 21st.**

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:00-3:00PM



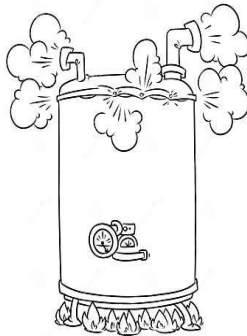
News & Announcements

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

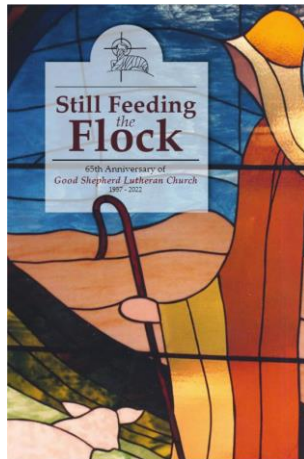
The deadline for the May Newsletter is April 15th.

Prayer Requests

The Prayer List has been updated and will be updated monthly. Every month all names will be removed. If you need a name added, please contact the church office. If you have any friends or relatives in the military that you want included, please let the office know.



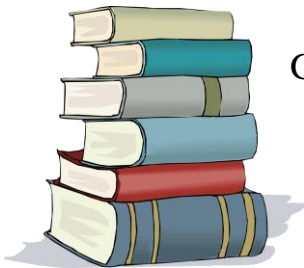
**We have begun the boiler fund drive. Simply use the green envelopes found at the pews. Clearly mark as "Boiler Fund" and include your envelope number. Also, put "Boiler Fund" on your check. Details about discussing this opportunity to help our church such as a 3-5-year commitment can be clarified by contacting Denny Clawson at 724-331-2097 clawson.d@gmail.com.
-Thank you.**



65th Anniversary Cookbooks are available!

\$15.00 per cookbook
over 250 recipes included

Contact the church office if interested in purchasing one



WANTED

Getting rid of any newer books? Looking for books published in the last 2-3 years that are no longer wanted to freshen up the church library located in the Social Room. Newer Movies DVD/Blu-ray also accepted.



Happy Birthday to:



April

Lisa Hook	(04/01)
Dustin Wodoslawsky	(04/01)
Joshua Mellon	(04/02)
Morgan Ryan	(04/02)
Alex Gray	(04/07)
John Strasser	(04/08)
Jessica Reinhart	(04/11)
Charles Ober	(04/13)
Donna Cairns	(04/16)
Isabelle Bruggeman	(04/17)
Madelena Mull	(04/19)
Robert Territ	(04/20)
Jonathan Askey	(04/25)
Madison Ryan	(04/27)
Brian Hixson	(04/28)
Julian Hill	(04/29)
Terry Hall	(04/30)

(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
Miriam Starenchak
Jackie Guhl
Jane Elliott
Val Pollock
Erik Williams
Bernie Miller
Lillian Shea
Lynda Gesalman
Mina & Jack Rutter
Donna Sheridan
Mac McMurtrie
Bill Ambrose

Friends and relatives of the Good Shepherd family:

Helen Bell

Those in care facilities:

Redstone Highlands: Bernie Fisher (Murrysville), Charlotte Hein
Mt. View Senior Care: Carole Bridges
St. Anne's: Becky Demi

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.

Flower Word Search



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Begonia
Bluebell
Buttercup
Carnation
Columbine
Cosmos
Crocus
Daffodil
Dahlia

Echinacea
Foxglove
Freesia
Gardenia
Geranium
Hibiscus
Hyacinth
Impatiens
Iris
Jasmine
Jonquil
Lavender
Lily

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