

Adirondack Mountains and Lake Placid, NY



Two of my loves in life are family and traveling. When I get to put them together, I am in heaven on earth. I thought I would share with you some of my travels this year.

In August, I went on a weekend vacation trip with my brother and his family to the Lake Placid area of the Adirondack mountains. It was gorgeous there. Lake Placid hosted the 1932 and 1980 Winter Olympics. We enjoyed seeing the Olympic museum and rink where the famous "Miracle on Ice" hockey

game took place. We spent one day in the river, with my brother and nephew fishing, while my sister-in-law and I waded in the water.



My nephew fishing.

Torrey Pines Natural Reserve, San Diego, CA



In September, I went on a week long vacation trip to San Diego with my sister and brother-in-law, who is a Navy Veteran. He served on the USS Missouri and belongs to an

association who gathers annually for a reunion. San Diego is pure fun in the sun!! My sister and I saw sunsets and surfers! I toured the Midway Aircraft Carrier and Museum which is docked in San Diego. We visited the bar where they filmed "Top Gun," one of my and my sister's favorite movies. I met my brother-in-law's Navy buddies and their wives. It was a great time!

As we head into the fall, I am grateful for vacation time to travel and explore new places. I am grateful for the sun, the mountains, the beach, and all the diversity of God's creation. I am most grateful to spend quality time with my family and to meet and make new friends!

Peace,
Pastor Kara



My sister and brother-in-Law
at the banquet for the USS Missouri Reunion

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Church Council Meeting Summary

September 21, 2026

10 In Attendance | **1** Decisions | **4** Motions Passed | **1**
Guest

The Church Council met with 10 members and 1 guest present to address several capital improvement projects and financial matters. The council discussed the exterior arch pillar repair, parking lot sealing, brick pointing and replacement options (with costs ranging from \$5,200 to \$9,200), and a leak near the sound system, while a decision on the RC Management Completed Overview Plus Payroll option remains under discussion. A Special Congregational Meeting was scheduled for October 11 following the 11:00 service to address the parking lot sealing project, with promotion planned through bulletins and newsletters. The council approved the 2025 financial audit results and tentatively approved the Pastor's 2027 compensation package, both by unanimous consent, and authorized Denny to proceed with developing a grant request from the Scott Foundation in October. Additional business included updates on the natural gas contract and review of the treasurer's report, with all minutes and financial reports accepted by unanimous consent.



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, October 4th 1:00PM



Trunk or Treat @ the drive in! **Friday, October 2nd** The youth fund will cover the cost of admission for youth attending as well as some concession money for each youth! Asking everyone attending to plan to decorate your trunk (does not have to be anything elaborate) & to hand out candy.

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

Contact: Rachel King 724-454-6476



Pre/K-8th Grade

October

4th- 9:45AM

11th- 9:45AM

18th- 9:45AM

25th- 9:45AM



There will be a special Congregational MTG held following 11:00am service on **Sunday, October 11th 12:00pm**. The meeting will be to vote on the approval for resealing/repair of the parking lot asphalt & driveway.

Community Fellowship Upcoming Events



October 16th 6:30-8:30PM –

Trunk or Treat

🕵️ WHO DID IT?! 🔍

Join us for a Clue-themed evening of mystery, tricks & treats! 🎃

🍬 Trick-or-Treat — collect your treats as you make your way around!

🐔 Grab a bite from **Chick-fil-A** and ☕ Stop by **Coffin Bean & Co.** for a spooky sip.

🔍 Complete the Scavenger Hunt — follow the clues, solve the mystery, and figure out

WHO did it, WHERE it happened, and WITH WHAT!

Will you crack the case before the night is over? 🧐

Gather your detective crew and come see if you have what it takes to solve the mystery! 🔍



December 4th 6:00-8:30PM

Light Up Night

Come Celebrate Our 5th Year!

It's our 5th anniversary and we are celebrating BIG!

Join us as we celebrate this special milestone with some Whoville magic!

This year's festivities include:

Craft Vendors, Raffle Baskets

Food Trucks (Poulitch Pit, Knife & Hearth Woodfired Eatery, Funky Funnels)

Free Hot Cocoa, Caricatures by Ray

Goodie Bags, Scavenger Hunt

DJ, Horse & Carriage Rides

Santa, the Grinch, and so much more!!!

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



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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 | 6:30PM-8:30PM

Join us for a Spooky Evening of Tricks & Treats!

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

FREE Trunk or Treating, Funhouse, Bonfire, S'mores & more!

A large, glowing Christmas tree with many lights and ornaments, serving as the background for the bottom section of the poster.

Light Up

West Point
& Wendover

Save the Date!

Friday, December 4 • 6-8:30PM
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
501 Fairfield Drive



TRUNKS NEEDED!

This Year Trunk or Treat will be held on
Friday, October 16th 6:30-8:30PM.

We need volunteers to decorate their trunks & hand out treats to all attendees. On average we have had around 100-150 kids participate in the past. We encourage incorporating lights into your décor as it will be dark.

Look for a sign up that will be posted in the Commons Area/contact the church office or scan the QR Code to register your car!



Volunteers Needed!

This will be our 5th Annual Light Up Night!

This is Good Shepherd's largest community event. We have some new and exciting plans once again for this year. Our Light Up Committee has been meeting monthly. Anyone is more than welcome to attend. Look for a sign up to be posted soon for volunteer time slots as well as a raffle donation sign up if interested in donating a basket for our raffle!

Upcoming Events at Salem Lutheran



Ministry & WELCA
Invites **EVERYONE** to a
Prayer Breakfast
Saturday October 10
@ 9 am

Join us for breakfast, prayer
and fellowship in the
Newhouse hall. We will be
doing a service project,
making no sew fleece
blankets. We look forward to
seeing everyone, young & old,
male or female!!

Let your light shine...
Matthew 5:16



ALL HALLOW'S EVE
Party

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2026
6-8PM

SALEM LUTHERAN
301 EAST PGH ST
DELMONT, PA 15626

*Music, dancing,
food, games*



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 September winner

Andrea Territ

*The cross was located on page

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ATTENTION MEALS ON WHEELS COOKIE BAKERS



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

OCTOBER

COOKIE BAKERS (GROUP 2) Cookie Sunday is October 11, 2026.

Pat Gatons	Lucy Mento	Carol Clawson
Darlene Frederickson	Ellen Monnich	Susan Rhome

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!

Just a few

REMINDERS

regarding the

Food Pantry

@ Good Shepherd



IT IS AVAILABLE
24/7 TO
ANYONE IN NEED



GUIDELINES FOR FOOD DONATIONS



- Non perishable in date items accepted.



- All donations are to be placed in bin under pantry. Church staff will sort through the items & place them in the pantry.



- Any items donated past expiration will be discarded.



FOOD ITEM SUGGESTIONS



Cereal



Powdered milk



Pancake mix



Syrup



Soup



Canned meat



Pasta



Pasta sauce



Juice



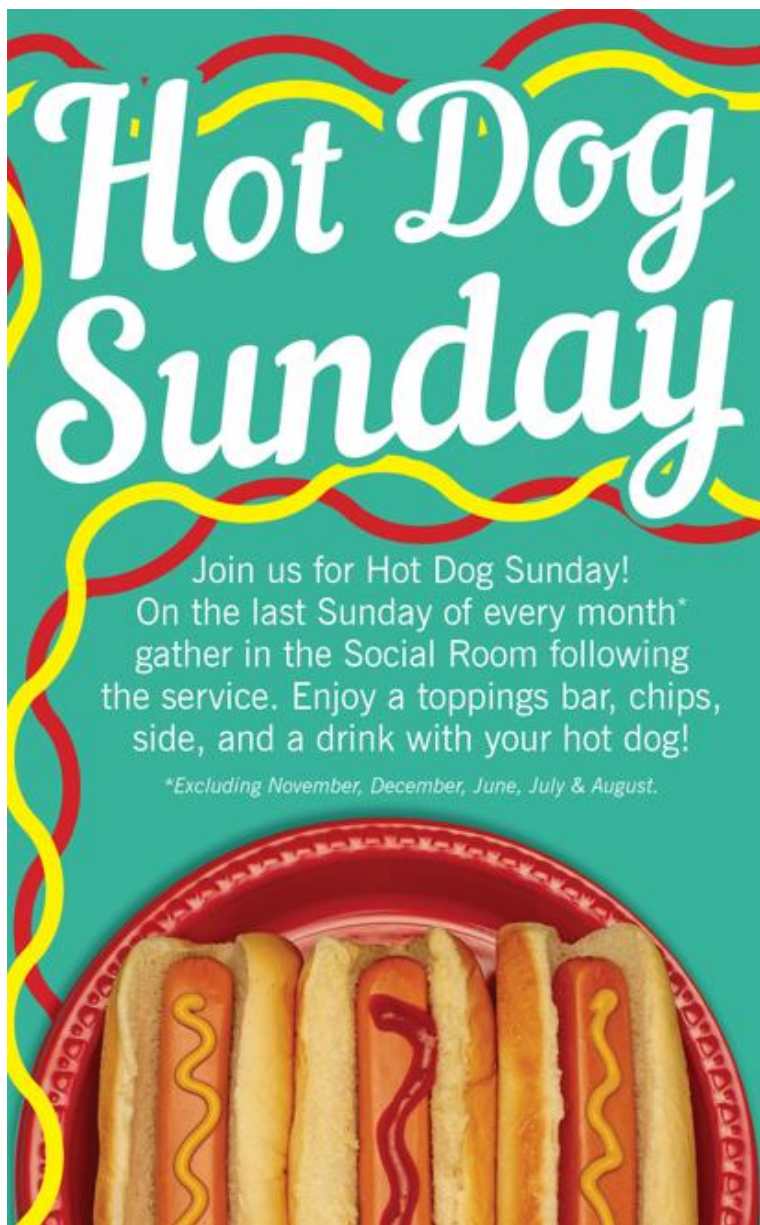
Canned fruit

Etc.



Thank you again to everybody
who supports and donates
to this mission.





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

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

Our Monthly “Hot Dog” Sunday will be October 25th this month. It will be in celebration of the Reformation by having a German theme. We will be serving Bratwurst, Frankfurters (Hot Dogs), Green Beans with Spaetzle and Hot German Potato Salad. All are welcome and there is no fee

Sunday, October 18th come to the social hall after church (around 12:00) for some wonderful fellowship at our BGS (Books, Games & Scripture) meeting. We will discuss our plans and pick dates for future events including the Epiphany Tea the May dinner to name two. If you're interested, you may also bring any of your summer reads to trade for some cozy fall books. It's up to you if you only want to lend them or give them away or not participate in the book exchange. You may also bring your lunch to eat at your leisure. If we have the time and desire, we may even play a simple fun game. We could really use your thoughts, ideas and presence in the group and truly hope to see some new faces there!

SAVE THESE DATES:

Fri., May 14th & Sat., May 15th – SWPA W/ELCA convention
“Bee Worthy”



Women of the **ELCA** 
Southwestern Pennsylvania
Synodical Women's Organization
Convention

May 14-15, 2027



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
501 Fairfield Drive
Greensburg, PA



"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Ephesians 2:10 NIV

HARVEST HOME FOOD COLLECTION



The congregation's annual Harvest Home food collection to benefit the Good Shepherd Food Pantry will be conducted on Saturday October 17, 2026, and Sunday October 18, 2026. Food items most needed are: Cereal, Juice, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Soup, Pasta & Sauces, Canned Fruit and Vegetables, Chicken & Tuna Salads, Pancake Mix & Syrup, Condiments (Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonnaise). Please bring your donations of non-perishable foods for display at the worship services on **October 17th and 18th**. Thank you!



Join us at Good Shepherd and help us decorate for Christmas.

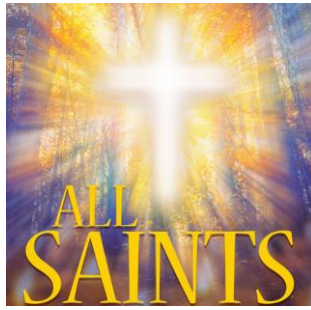
Saturday, November 28th @ 9:30AM.

Lunch will be provided. Please sign up in the Commons Area or contact the church office if attending so we have a count for lunch.



**Sunday, NOVEMBER 29th
at 5:00 PM.**

Sign-Up will be posted in the Commons Area.



All Saints Weekend

October 31st/November 1st 2026

We will honor family and friends that have passed away since **November 2nd, 2025** with the tolling of bells and lighting of candles. Please sign-up in Commons Area or call the office by Monday, October 26th 9:00 AM.



LECTORS, USHERS & GREETERS ARE NEEDED! IF INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT DURING SERVICES SIGN UP IS POSTED IN THE HALLWAY

Happy Birthday to: October



Lido Tarris	(10/01)
Ty'reon Morrison	(10/03)
Matthew Alderson	(10/04)
Karen Gesalman	(10/07)
Kim Hornin	(10/07)
Frances Ober	(10/07)
Kevan Downs	(10/08)
Dorothy Stewart	(10/08)
Jean Brunot	(10/10)
David Loughran	(10/11)
Nicholas Reinhart	(10/17)
Caden McMLure	(10/19)
Paul Seanor	(10/19)
Gladys Maloy	(10/20)
Cole Williams	(10/20)
Susan Plummer	(10/21)
Jane Elliot	(10/22)
Patricia Gatons	(10/27)
Amy Fauth	(10/30)
Darlene Frederickson	(10/31)
Mina Rutter	(10/31)

(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
John Strasser
Chuck Ober
Kay Wright
Joy Stynchula
Vincent Smith
Wendy Strasser
Kathy Wolfe

Friends and relatives of the Good Shepherd family:

Lauren Floyd
Brian Murphy
Gianna
Chris Brinker
Tobi Geyer
Maxine Shroyer
Bob Neumann
Elaine Grace
Kevin Ober
Silas Howells
Maria Meyers
David Beistel
Joanie S
Camryn Ecker
Amanda Jo
J. Arturo
Miles Webb

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

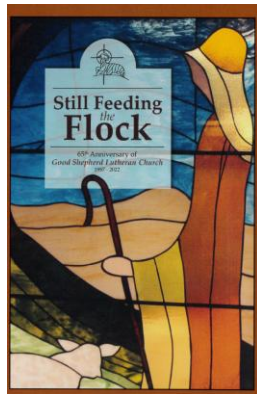
Spencer Geohrig

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.



PUMPKIN ROLL

*Gertrude Pezzoni
Debbie Terri*

3 eggs
 $\frac{2}{3}$ c. pumpkin
1 c. sugar
 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. flour

1 tsp. soda
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. cinnamon
 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. chopped nuts

Grease 10x15 cookie sheet, cover with wax paper. Mix eggs, pumpkin, sugar, flour, soda and cinnamon. Pour mixture out onto cookie sheet. Sprinkle with $\frac{1}{2}$ c. chopped nuts. Bake at 375° for 15 minutes. Turn onto sugared tea towel. Slowly remove wax paper. Spread filling on cooled cake. Roll like jelly roll. Refrigerate.

Filling

8 oz. cream cheese
1 c. powdered sugar

2 T. butter
1 tsp. vanilla

Mix above ingredients together.

We still have copies of Still Feeding the Flock 65th Anniversary of Good Shepherd available for purchase for \$15.00. Contact the church office if you would like one. Next year 2027 will mark Good Shepherd's 70th Anniversary! Please reach out to office if you are interested in joining the committee & Save the + Date October 24, 2027 for our celebration dinner to be held at Greensburg Garden & Civic Center.