



OCTOBER

DEVOTIONS: Harry Harbaugh

ACCEPT AGENDA: Agenda accepted with modifications as noted below.

Removal: Part B under Old Business, Removed as Communications Section already exists

Addition: Part C under Old Business, Added for 2025 Annual Congregational Meeting Prep

Removal: Part B under New Business, Additional Compensation for Pastor

Addition: Part C under New Business, Hiring of Sexton

Addition: Part D under New Business, Rocking Horse Preschool Usage

COMMUNICATIONS:

Worship and Music:

Greg Bittner reported organ, while old, is still in good condition. Noted individuals from choir have trouble with stairs to choir loft. Explored chair lift at a cost of \$10K. Primary issue is with organist and choir on two separate levels, with choir director on 1st floor with choir. Have explored video synchronization, moving choir director to loft with organist, moving organ to 1st floor – estimate received at \$3500, and purchase of a new organ at a cost of \$30K.

Church received communication on an organ offered as donation to the church (Estimated age of 6-7 yrs.). Estimated value at time of purchase of \$18K. Organ is smaller than current organ. Marvin Huls gave recommendation of quality of organ after playing. Greg Bittner and the Worship & Music Committee proposed that council considers acceptance of organ donation.

In addition, it was noted that the current organ issues involve sticking pedals and presets' lights burned out. Quote for repairs obtained at \$1200. Repairs still under consideration from Worship & Music.

Motion presented to accept organ donation following proposal from Greg Bittner with Worship and Music Committee and with advisement from Marvin Huls.

Additional items noted by Worship and Music:

Live Facebook feed issue as Facebook account on church cellphone is not working. Using personal device for Facebook feed. Property Committee noted awareness and potential need for new device or reloading Facebook shell account. Has not been resolved.

Advent Dinner planned for December 8th. Requests for volunteers to assist. **Discussion was to include the volunteer request in weekly bulletin and post sign-up sheet.**

PASTOR'S REPORT: September report accepted as presented.
MINUTES: September Meeting Minutes accepted with Amendment.
Amendment to Old Business Section Part C. Stated in minutes as cost of Concrete Repairs of \$10,000 corrected to \$10,100 as designated in September Council meeting and presented and approved at October 6th Congregational Meeting.
TREASURER'S REPORT: September report accepted as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Youth

Trunk or Treat @ Evergreen Drive In October 12th- 3 Youth Attended

B. Fellowship

Hot Dog Sunday following service October 27th. Movie Night in Social Room (Secondhand Lions) November 9th @ 6:30PM. Veterans Lunch-in on 11/10.

C. Community Fellowship

Trunk Or Treat Friday, October 25th 6:30-8:30PM, Light Up Night December 6th 5-8PM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Tentative December 14th Movie Night in Social Room (Journey to Bethlehem). Soup Cook-Off January 4th..

D. Property

The committee met on October 9th to discuss railing options. The decision was to cut the existing rail and extend to the edge of the stairs. The rails will be welded together for a secure hold. The red tree outside the social hall was removed and a replacement is in the works. Concrete job was approved by the congregation and will be done in the spring of 2025. 2 IRobot Smart vacuums were purchased, to clean preschool and sanctuary. 2 stumps by church sign to be removed by committee members. Light fixture by red door replaced with wide light and fixture on Fairfield drive side replaced as it was no longer functional. Mailbox was hit and will need replaced.

Discussion on spending money outside of committee budget, including major repairs. To seek additional guidance on spend as related to requirements for council approval. Harry to follow up with Jack Gesalman.

Motion presented to replace blue chairs in reception hall with white folding chairs from Sam's Club. 50 white chairs plus cart at a cost of \$1550 due to blue chairs scratching flooring, movement and storage of chairs, and use of IRobot Smart vacuum getting stuck on base. Blue chairs would be sold to offset cost, estimated to cover approximate full cost of new chairs. Following discussion, **Motion was revised to**

‘Purchase new chairs and cart at a cost of \$1550 dependent on sale of blue chairs with deviation in cost to be paid out of major repairs.

E. Rocking Horse Preschool

New signage for RHPS is still under review. Zeffy payment system in process and will be ready for 2025-2026 enrollment. Board is still searching for prospects to provide CPR/First Aid recertification.

Kendra Baily and Patty Benton are new members to the RHPS Board. A 5- person committee is established to review and update the RHPS Board Handbook. A requirement under the existing handbook is to provide the Church Council with a quarterly financial report. July - September 2024 is submitted.

Field trips to the Fire department, school pictures and Halloween parties are scheduled for the month of October.

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 22 at 11:45 AM.

Quarterly Financial Statement Issued by RHPS

F. Personnel

PERSONNEL REPORT

A staff meeting was held on Tuesday, September 24th with Nancy Flinner, Jean Brunot, Rachel King and Kathy Wolfe in attendance. Topics discussed included the need to put out a search for a new sexton, changes to the sexton job description and a signup sheet for volunteers cleaning the church in the interim. Nancy continues to search for an organ.

Upcoming services are as follows:

10/27—Reformation Sunday 11/3 —All Saints Sunday

11/10 —Veteran’s Day (without kids) 12/1 —Advent begins

12/15 —Annual Christmas Concert 12/24 —Christmas Eve services

12/29 —Lessons and Carols

May pursue entertainment other than a children’s program after the Advent dinner.

Wondered if there will be a Blue Christmas service this year. If yes, anything brought into the sanctuary (tables, candles, etc.) will have to be put away by those holding the service. Hopefully we will have a new sexton by then.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Wolfe.

Addition to Personnel Committee Report

Kathy Wolfe, as Chairperson of the Personnel Committee, sent an email on October 21, 2024 to all council members (except Bonnie Altman who does not receive email) that included a motion to hire Richard Sanner as the new sexton of Good Shepherd. Background of the interview process and a description of Mr. Sanner’s credentials were included in the email. The email was sent to all council members and Pastor Paul. Every council member, including Joy Stynchula and Bonnie Altman who responded by phone, indicated their approval with an “Aye” so the motion

carried. No response was received from Pastor Paul. Esther Ruff to be contacted to tell her that we have selected another candidate. Rich came to the church on Wednesday, November 23rd and signed a contract but two typos were noted. A revised contract will be given to him on his first day of employment which is Monday, November 4th, 2024. Thank you to everyone who stepped up to keep the church clean between sextons.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Wolfe

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Search for Partner congregation

When Pastor Paul attended the Bishop's Convocation last week, he spoke with Pastor Asplin regarding our search for a partner congregation. Pastor Asplin was pleased to hear that we've been reaching out to congregations, and asked Pastor Paul to allow the Good Shepherd Church Council to take a leadership role in that task. Pastor Paul will make a list of Pastors and phone numbers as a follow up to those who expressed a possibility of partnership. He'll also help Council to formulate a letter that the Council can send to congregations in the area (ELCA and full communion partners) letting them know our situation, and asking if they may be looking for a partner as well. Asking for 2 or 3 persons on Council to volunteer to make phone calls and mail letters.

Harry Harbaugh, Denny Clawson volunteered. Noted that Kathy Wolfe previously volunteered assistance. Harry to follow up with Kathy.

C. Annual Congregational Meeting

New Agenda Draft not started. Council briefly reviewed agenda from 2024 Annual Meeting. Review of council openings to be presented at November meeting to seek nominations. Brian to follow up with Jack Gesalman on upcoming openings. Updated Constitution and ByLaws to be presented to congregation at annual meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Advent Money Designation (Suggestion of Lutheran World Disaster Relief from Finance)

Motion made to designate advent money to go to Lutheran World Disaster Relief by Bonnie Altman and seconded by Jenny Luffy. Suggestion made by J. Luffy to revise **motion to designate 1st \$100 of Advent Money to West Point Fire Department, and remaining Money to go to Lutheran World Disaster Relief. This modified motion was approved. See Motion Table above**

C. Hiring of Sexton

Personnel Committee Report reported that Richard Sanner has been hired as the new sexton of Good Shepherd after a unanimous vote from Church Council, which took place via email on October 21st. Richard's first day of employment is Monday, November 4, 2024. Kathy Wolfe mentioned that she will invite Richard to briefly attend our November Council meeting, so that Church Council can welcome him. **MOTION:** That the council approves the hiring of Richard (Rich) Sanner as the new, permanent sexton for Good Shepherd beginning with his signing of a contract and with duties beginning the first week of November at a rate of \$13 per hour.

D. Rocking Horse Preschool Usage

Linda Turchetta presented a **motion to address the use of RHPS room for non-related preschool functions**, recommending items to be documented for future reference to avoid future confusion about the use of the preschool room. Concerns from the RHPS included: 1) Protection of confidential files required to be retained per PA Department of Education. 2) Protection of staff and parent clearances information. 3) Protection of RHPS assets and supplies. 4) Safety of children in the room when teachers are not present. Motion was initially made by L. Turchetta and seconded by D. Clawson. Following discussion of details as presented in initial motion, recommendations for revision to details included within the motion were given. **Motion was tabled without vote for revision and further review at future council meeting.**

Motion to adjourn Council Meeting Passed.

NOVEMBER

DEVOTIONS: Kathy Wolfe

ACCEPT AGENDA: Accepted with the addition of "Loose Ends", Rocking Horse Preschool update and organ update

INTRODUCTION: Rich Sanner introduced to the council as the newly hired Sexton.

COMMUNICATIONS: Greg Bittner in attendance to represent the Worship & Music Committee

MINUTES: October minutes accepted as presented.

PASTOR'S REPORT: October Pastor's Report accepted as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: October report accepted as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. PROPERTY—leaves weren't done by the pack due to weather. Awaiting future date. A few people have shown an interest in purchasing social room chairs but nothing concrete yet.

B. COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP—Trunk or Treat was a huge success with around 200 in attendance. Good Shepherd was featured in the Tribune-Review top five things to do for that Friday. Next event is Light Up Night on Friday, December 6th from 5-8PM. Also upcoming we will be showing the movie "Return to Bethlehem" in the Social Room on Saturday, December 14th at 6:30PM and then on Saturday, January 4th we will be holding a Soup Cook-Off.

C. ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL—Signage for RHPS, DPR/First Aid certification and Board Bylaws update all progressing. Children enjoyed a visit to the West Point Fire Department.

D. WORSHIP AND MUSIC—

1. a. Chairman Greg Bittner was in attendance and explained that an experienced crew from Vittone's Music Center was to pick up, transport and deliver the donated organ to Good Shepherd. They will pick up the organ at a residence north of Philadelphia on Tuesday, November 26th. It will arrive at Good Shepherd on Tuesday evening November 26th or sometime on Wednesday, November 27th. An oral estimate of \$1000 has been received for the move, although it could be more if an overnight stay is necessary. Mr. Marvin Huls has facilitated the gift and transport of the organ.

1. b. The committee is also recommending two repairs to the current organ that were mentioned to council last month. Repairs include replacing the many lights that have burned out on the settings tabs over many years and to replace the pads on the pedals. For years some of them have been sticking. The estimate we received for those repairs was \$1300. The committee is recommending that the current organ remains in the loft. The committee is requesting funding for these projects in an amount of \$3000. That would give us a little bit of a cushion if the move and repairs exceeded the estimates. We have received a donation in the amount of \$1000 that the donor has designated for the organ move. A check for that donation was placed in the offering plate this past Sunday, November 10th. That would reduce the amount that Worship and Music is requesting to up to \$2000. Motion made by Amy Donahue to authorize, with Barb's approval, up to \$2000 for the moving of the organ. Money to come from funds under Worship and Music.

2. Greg stressed that a designated phone is needed in order to video the Sunday church service. A Webcam was also discussed, depending on how it would work with Facebook. Greg to explore.

E. FINANCE—

1. Budget request forms must be turned in before Thanksgiving or Finance will determine how much money you are allocated for next year.

2. By the dedication of pledges November 17th we received 23 pledges totaling \$53,046. Of these, eight increased their pledge and only two decreased.

3. The revised Constitution has been emailed to the Synod. It will be presented at the annual Congregational meeting in January.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Search for a partner congregation—a letter has been composed to be sent to other churches. Pastor Paul to discuss with several council members in an upcoming meeting the list of churches who will be receiving the letter.

B. Annual Congregational Meeting—last year’s agenda reviewed. To include an update on a shared pastor, the proposed budget and the updated Constitution and By-laws. Council to determine by the next meeting who can and cannot run again and possible candidates for next year.

C. Motion was tabled at the last council meeting with regard to use of the Rocking Horse Preschool. No additional amendments or clarifications submitted at this time. Reminded that Good Shepherd owns the building and the Preschool. Pastor Paul and Harry offered to meet with the RHP Board to clarify.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Council Positions for 2025—names discussed for next year’s council nominees.

B. 2024 Annual Reports—each committee has been asked to provide a 2024 report to be included in the annual meeting packet.

C. Loose Ends

1. If anyone wants something added to the agenda they are to call Rachel. She is to write it down and provide to Pastor Paul and Harry. Harry to speak to Rachel regarding this matter.

2. Discussion regarding the money being used from Major Repairs. General consensus that Property Maintenance was to be used for outside and Major Repairs to be used for inside. Property Chair to talk to Jack (Finance) regarding changing budget line item 01-7103 to Inside/Outside Property Maintenance. Andy to talk to Barb about the percentage difference for Equipment Service Contracts and Security Systems.

ADJOURNMENT: NEXT MEETING is Monday, December 16, 2024. Proposed budget will be presented at this meeting. Harry Harbaugh to have devotions.



**A LOOK
at the
BUDGET**

Budget Income Report YTD thru Oct 31, 2024

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

YTD Budget – means the income expected thru October according to the budget

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

Category	YTD Income	YTD Budget	Budget Exp
Offering	133,959	130,000	
Loose	1025	1250	
Sunday School	227	225	
Initial	159	160	
Ash Wednesday	1053	400	
Wed. in Lent	0	250	
Holy Thursday	325	400	
Rocking Horse Exp	3200	3200	
Total	139,948	135.885	128.813

Non-budgeted Furnace (Boiler) Fund has taken in \$13,185 YTD and \$1000 in 2023. The goals are a minimum of \$6000 a year for 5 years or \$30,000 total. We are at next year's goal already but still need \$15,815 to retire the debt. Keep it up! We also need \$1,422 to retire our flooring debt.

Welcome

Pastor Peter Asplin Leading Worship Dec. 7 & 8

Pastor Peter Asplin, Assistant to Bishop Kusserow, will lead worship on **Saturday, Dec. 7**, and **Sunday, Dec. 8**. In addition to delivering his sermon, Pastor Asplin will also be able answer questions about the process of Good Shepherd finding a partner congregation, and then calling a shared pastor.



Come Celebrate Christmas Eve

Christmas is the season when we celebrate the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. We will hear again of Mary and Joseph searching for a place for Mary to give birth, and the wonder that the shepherds experienced as they heard the angels sing and saw the young baby Jesus. With all the pre-Christmas hype about buying the perfect presents, decorating the house, and general running around, it is good to know the stillness and awe of that first Christmas night. God has come to live among us, the gospels tell us, and Jesus became human, just like us.

The Family Christmas Service will be at **4:30 pm**, and will include a message for the children in the church.

The Candlelight Service will be at **7:30 pm**. Come join us as we welcome Jesus the child into our church, our homes, and our hearts.



Thursday, December 19

7:00 pm

Not everyone experiences the Christmas season as a joyful time. For some people, the holiday season can be difficult and generate feelings of loneliness, sadness, or loss. This can be for a variety of reasons: the death of loved ones, separation or divorce, trying to find employment, feelings of melancholy or depression. Whatever the reason, the holiday season can be for many people a time of isolation and/or sadness. At the same time, the nights are getting longer with the longest night of the year on December 21.

The Blue Christmas/Longest Night service is a modern service designed for anyone who is stressed, lonely, or grieving. Everyone is welcome: Lutheran, Christian, non-Christian. The simple worship service of readings, song, and a brief reflection is designed to validate what we are feeling, and help us sense God's presence in the midst of what can be a difficult time.

All are welcome to come.





We have five positions up for election to Congregation Council at our annual meeting in January, 2025. There are 4 three-year terms, 1 two-year term. Therefore, we need a minimum of 5 candidates. Council

members meet once a month, usually the third Monday, and serve as liaison to one of the church committees. To be eligible to run you have to be a confirmed or adult contributing/communing member of Good Shepherd. If you are interested in running please see Harry Wolfe, Kathy Wolfe, or inform the office. A slate of candidates will be published in the Bulletin of Reports (deadline mid-December) or you can be nominated from the floor at the meeting in January.

Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 19th following the 10:30AM service in the Social Room. New business will include an updated Constitution, Bylaws, & Continuing Resolutions. Sandwiches

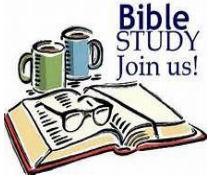


and sides will be provided. Please join us to learn about the status of the church. Please sign up in + Commons Area if you plan to attend so we have a count for lunch.



*Just a reminder in order to vote you must have communed and contributed in 2024.

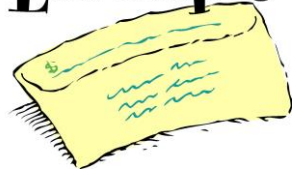
Adult Bible Study Postponed in December



The Adult Bible Study will not meet in December, so that Pastor Ed can practice with the Christmas Choir. The class will resume on the first Sunday in January, Jan 5.

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

Offering Envelopes



Christmas Poinsettias

Order early Sign-Up sheet will be posted beginning of December! **First come first served on the first 25 orders,** after that we will attempt to order more but cannot guarantee we will receive them.

Cost: \$11.00





Once again this year we are collecting a Pastor's Purse for our four current pastor's. If you would like to contribute place donations in the offering plate clearly marked Pastor's Purse or mail direct to the church. Please if donating by check make payable to Harry Harbaugh.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church's Annual

Advent Dinner

Sunday,
Dec. 8
5PM



Start your Advent Season off right by enjoying a delightful dinner & fellowship, followed by an unforgettable musical performance by Cara Remaley.

Please sign up by December 1



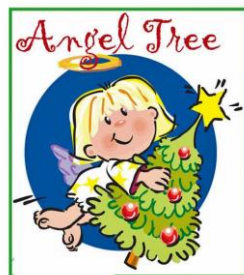
Sunday, December 15th at 10:30AM
Please plan to attend!





We are having a **Mitten Tree** again this Advent. It is actually a Mitten-Glove-Knit Hat-Scarf-Winter Hat-Bootees Tree. Bring your donations of **Winter Wear** to the church and put it on our tree. You must have it in by **Dec 15th** because the donations will be delivered to the Salvation Army on the **17th**. Help decorate our tree with bright and colorful warm accessories.

We are partnering with West Point Elementary to provide gifts to the children in need this Christmas. Angel's will be hung with a child's age and gift suggestion. Names will be posted on the wall in the Commons Area. Please bring in your wrapped gift by **Sunday, Dec 15th**. Please include the assigned number on all gifts. Help make a child's Christmas merrier by donating a gift today.



Good Shepherd will also be taking a collection for Toys For Tots. If you would like to donate a new toy the boxes will be in the Commons Area. Donations will be picked up **December 16th**



We warmly welcome you to celebrate this season of Advent at Good Shepherd with some special events. Some of the services will be available on-line if you cannot make it in person. On Friday, December 6th 5-8pm West Point & Wendover Light Up will be held at Good Shepherd. This year's '*Advent Dinner*' hosted by the Worship and Music Committee will be on Sunday, December 8th and will include entertainment provided by Cara Remaley. Please sign up as soon as possible in the commons area or call Rachel, our Office Manager to make your reservations. On Sunday, December 15th at the 10:30am worship service, there will be some special musical selections shared, as well as music of the season from the hand bell choir. There will be a Blue Christmas service held December 19th at 7:00pm. The schedule for Christmas Eve worship is 4:30pm & 7:30pm. We welcome you to join us at any or all these events including Lessons & Carols on December 29th at 10:30am.

May your preparation and plans be enriched, blessed and holy. This year's Advent collection will be for Lutheran Disaster Relief Fund & West Point Volunteer Fire Department.

Peace Be with you,
Harry Harbaugh
Congregational Vice President



Pre/K-8th Grade

JOIN US

Sunday mornings **9:30AM**

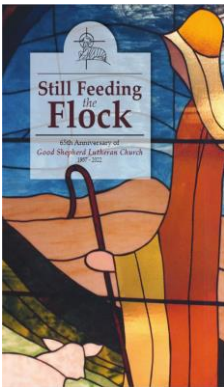
There will be **NO** Sunday School

December 1st, 22nd & 29th



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

Contact: Rachel King 724-454-6476



We still have 65th Anniversary Cookbooks!

This beautiful cookbook will make a great Christmas gift.

\$15.00 per cookbook
over 250 recipes included

Community Fellowship Upcoming Events



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

Saturday, December 14th 6:30PM-
Join us for a FREE movie in the Social
Room. Popcorn & Mini Water
provided! Bring your chair/blankets!



Saturday, January 4th-
This year we are changing things up!
Instead of chili come out and vote on
your favorite soup!

More information coming soon

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



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church



www.goodshepherdgbg.org

save the date!

Light Up

West Point
& Wendover

Friday, December 6 • 5-8PM

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
501 Fairfield Drive

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

soup cook-off

Saturday
Jan. 4, 2025
11AM-2PM

Savor a variety of delicious
homemade soups & vote for your favorite!
Plus, enjoy our bake sale
& gift card tree raffle.





On **January 25th**, at **6:30**, we are planning a Trivia Night where your trivia knowledge will be challenged in the format used at most Trivia Nights and we are encouraging teams of two to

four players to answer questions in a Power-point format, last year we had 12 teams + participate. Refreshment will be provided. Jack Gesalman will be again hosting and if you attended last year's event he promises the audio portion will be improved.

A graphic for 'Hot Dog Sunday' featuring a red plate with four hot dogs on a teal background. The hot dogs are topped with mustard and ketchup. The text 'Hot Dog Sunday' is written in a large, white, cursive font. Below the text, there is a description of the event and a note about exclusions.

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.



This newsletter contains **2** hidden crosses (+) must find all **2** for a chance to win! Winner will be contacted in January.

Congratulations to our November winner Jane Elliott!

*The cross was located on page 9 *

News & Announcements

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

The deadline for the February Newsletter is January 20th.



Enrollment for Rocking Horse Preschool for the 2025-2026 year is OPEN for 3 Year Old & 4 Year Old Classes starting December 6th.

AM Classes fill quickly so register early



Calling ALL Women, you are invited!



Calling ALL Women, You are Invited!

Please come to the social hall after church on **Sunday, January 5th around noon for our Annual Epiphany Tea!** Yes, this year it will be held in the church social hall instead of someone's home. We want to remember those who have opened up their homes in previous years who are deceased including Walter Sylvander (who started our tradition), Helen Bell, Eleanor Besser, and Lillian Shea. Also THANK YOU to Donna Sheridan, who has hosted several times but has moved and is no longer able. If I missed anyone, please accept my apologies and remind me of whom that would be. Better yet, bring any pictures you may have from previous years so we can get a copy of them for our archives and also for reminiscing as we learn about what Epiphany is, how we celebrate it and the traditions of others around the world. Also please bring a teacup or mug for your tea and a savory or sweet item to share with the group. We will be using some of Lillian's teapots that were donated to us by her family. Please watch for a signup sheet in the common area. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Karen Gesalman. We hope to see some new faces there!

Save **Tuesday, May 6th for our annual Women & Girls Spring Dinner**, details of which are still to be determined. If you have any affordable entertainment ideas, please come to our Tea and tell us about it.



Friday, May 30th & Saturday, May 31st will be the SWPA Women of the ELCA annual convention. The theme is “The Lord Gives you

Hope and a Future” Bishop Kusserow and his wife, Pam will be there and are to be honored Friday evening for his many years of service to our synod. He will be retiring in the summer of 2025. We hope you plan to attend this very special dinner as well as the convention immediately following for important voting and other matters. We need to elect a new President, Treasurer, Board Members, Triennial Voting Members and a new Designated Outreach.

Do you have a guest room? We are looking for people in the greater Greensburg area who may have a spare room that would be willing to let a woman, or 2, stay the night with them for convention. If you do, could you please email our registrar, Roberta Herrington daherrington@comcast.net. We have women who want to come to convention from other areas but often don't have the money for a hotel room. Thank you for your consideration.

JULY 12-16th will be the Women of the ELCA Triennial Convention. The Triennial Gathering immediately follows from July 16th thru 19th. It will be in Des Moines, IA. We hope you will attend one or both of these life changing events. Watch for details about how you could possibly attend as our regional delegate and most of your expenses would be paid for by our Synodical W/ELCA. We will be electing these delegates at our May convention.

If you have any questions about the Women of the ELCA activities, please contact Karen Gesalman at 724-837-1439.



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.**

DECEMBER

COOKIE BAKERS (GROUP 4) Cookie Sunday is December 8, 2024.

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

JANUARY

COOKIE BAKERS (GROUP 1) Cookie Sunday is January 12, 2025.

Barbara Henderson	Fran Ober	Sue Strasser
Fran Robb	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.

Happy Birthday to:



December

Owen Dematt	(12/01)
Barbara Henderson	(12/01)
Patti Benton	(12/07)
Jessica Askey	(12/08)
Janet Ambrose	(12/09)
Megan Kubinec	(12/12)
Paul Fox	(12/14)
Donna Sheridan	(12/14)
Dawn Isler	(12/17)
Connor Wodoslawsky	(12/18)
Judy Swigart	(12/20)
Donald McIlwain	(12/25)
Timothy Adamson	(12/26)
Brian Gesalman	(12/27)

Happy Birthday to:

January



George Mursch	(01/01)
Dominic Hawes	(01/02)
Lois Cairns	(01/09)
Tyler Fauth	(01/09)
Howard McMurtrie	(01/11)
Dorothy Gesalman	(01/13)
Abigail Fox	(01/14)
Kathleen Mursch	(01/15)
Shelley Cottrill	(01/17)
Deborah Fox	(01/17)
Charles Luffy	(01/17)
Bernadine Fisher	(01/18)
Karen Neiderhiser	(01/18)
Leo Porterfield	(01/19)
Karen Mays	(01/20)
Paige Hill	(01/22)
Joyce Coates	(01/23)
Ryan Downs	(01/25)
Kayden Askey	(01/28)
Andrew King	(01/29)
Rachel Boggs	(01/31)

(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
Bernie Miller
Lynda Gesalman
Mac McMurtrie
Bill Ambrose
Bonnie Altman
Matt Alderson
Jess Darragh

Friends and relatives of the Good Shepherd family:

Laura Starzynski & Family
Lauren Floyd
CJ Frederickson
Brian Murphy
Gertrude Pezzoni
Janice Territ

Those in care facilities:

Redstone Highlands: Charlotte Hein, 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.

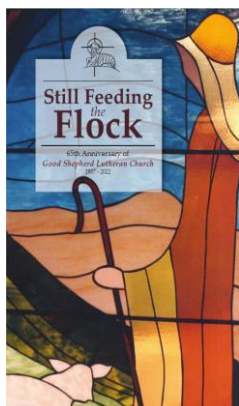


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FIREWOOD	HIBERNATE	JACKET	SNOWMAN
FLURRIES	HOLIDAY	MITTENS	SOLSTICE





AUNT KATHRINE'S APPLE PIE

Kathy Wolfe

Pie crust

2 ¼ c. sifted flour, divided

1 tsp. salt

¼ c. water

1 c. Crisco

Take out ⅓ cup flour and add ¼ cup water to make a paste. Add one cup Crisco to remaining flour. Blend to cornmeal consistency. Add flour paste and blend. Divide dough in half and roll crust on lightly floured surface to fit into an 8" or 9" pie plate. This makes two crusts (top and bottom).

Pie filling

**5-7 medium baking apples,
peeled, cored and sliced into
⅛ths.**

¾ c. sugar

2 T. flour

1 tsp. ground cinnamon

4-5 pats of butter or margarine

Mix sugar, flour and cinnamon and add to sliced apples. Blend well and fill pie shell. Place butter pats over filling. Place crust on top. Bake for 10 minutes at 450°, then 35-40 minutes at 350°.

Note: This recipe belonged to my aunt, Kitty Bierer. Best if a tart apple, like Northern Spy or Braeburn, is used. The pie filling part of the recipe has been used for the Good Shepherd Youth Group pie sale fundraisers.