

GOOD NEWS

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QuintEssentially Brass



Quintessentially (adj.) – representing the perfect example of a class or quality; in a manner that is typical or characteristic of a thing’s nature; having in concentrated form the essential part.
Not comparable.

Founded in 2009, QuintEssentially Brass is devoted to surprising and delighting audiences by presenting the best in the brass quintet repertoire. Their repertoire is varied, from strictly classical to modern jazz favorites to standard brass music, sacred and secular.

They’re truly quintessential: they’re not comparable.
Need we add that a great reception will follow the great music?
We think not!

4 pm, Sunday, May 6, 2018
Fine Arts Series 2017-2018

from the PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters,

As you know, we are engaged in an intentional process of discernment, listening for, and opening ourselves up to, what God is up to now. The resources available to the R3 team have been helpful, as have the observations and aspirations regarding our ministry congregation members shared in our forum times together during Lent. We are currently conducting interviews with some of our neighbors—residential, institutional, and corporate—to learn more about the needs and activities going on around us. And, in the next months, we will find ways to share what we have learned and engage in conversations together about possible implications for our future ministry. It is an exciting time!

It is important that we understand the shape and focus of our ministry before deciding what kind of staff will best support us in pursuing it. Staff vacancies are an unintended blessing in that they open up a myriad of possibilities going forward. We have determined that the total budget for additional staff (other than the pastor, secretary and sexton already in place) is \$80,000-90,000 for each of the next three years, drawing from both the Operating Budget and Responding to the Spirit appeal. We have launched a search for a part-time Cantor to lead our music, an important part of our worship and life. Pray that all may go well, and that God will guide and bless us in this process. Additional staff will be determined once we have a better handle on how we will focus our ministry, and once we know the amount of money still available after filling the cantor position, as well as the gifts that person will bring.

We can take the time to thoughtfully and prayerfully do all of this because of the faithful and committed people who are ensuring our ministry continues in this interim time. Chad Fothergill is available to serve as our Interim Organist through the end of May, and substitutes are being lined up to continue to provide musical leadership through the summer. Thanks to others who are helping to make sure that, in this time between staff, important things continue to happen, including Kris Albert, who is providing leadership for our R3 process, the adult choir, as well as other things, Meghan and Wayne Hooper, who are working with our youth, and many others who are helping in various ways. We are truly blessed!

Continue to pray for the present and future ministry of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. Good things are happening, and there are many exciting possibilities for our future. And continue to support the church’s ministry—with your presence and participation, as well as your offerings. Your faithfulness allows us to continue to faithfully respond together to God’s call to BE the church in this place.

In Christ, Mark L. Russell, Pastor

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FAMILY, FAITH & FUN NIGHT

May 9 is our end of year picnic. Bring your family and a friend. It's sure to be a good time for all. Enjoy picnic food and let us know any thoughts you might have for next year. We will also provide faith formation activities for families to take home. Our evening begin at 6:00 pm.

May 20 is the last Sunday Church School class for kids. Adults are invited to participate in "Café Conversations" each week in May on **May 6, 13, and 20.**

HOUSTON 2018: YOUTH GATHERING UPDATE

Seven youth and two adults from Good Shepherd are headed to Houston June 27 - July 1, to participate in the ELCA National Youth Gathering. This year's theme is "This Changes Everything," based on Ephesians 2:8 which says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God." Kevin Brooks, Yan Brown, Christofer Dietrich, Paige Lantz, Morgan Smith, McKenzie Walling, Ted Wolfe, and leaders Meghan and Wayne Hooper will participate in a day of Service Learning in the Houston community, a day at the 700,000 square-foot Interactive Learning space, and a day of activities planned by our Synod. For five straight days, they will attend Mass Gatherings in NRG Stadium with over 30,000 other Lutheran youth and adults for worship, music, and speakers.

We expect to learn and experience how God's Love changes everything, God's Grace changes everything, and God's Hope changes everything.

We appreciate the prayers and financial support of the congregation as we prepare for our trip! To help us as we fund raise to cover our travel expenses, meals, and lodging, please consider taking one of the envelopes on the LCGS Youth bulletin board outside of the Good Shepherd Room. Envelopes are marked with different dollar amounts and can be returned when the offering is collected.

GREENFIELD SUMMER DAY CAMP — COMING SOON!

A summer day camp for children ages 6-12
The camp opens Monday, June 11, and runs Monday through Friday, until August 17.

Gifts are now being received for the 2018 Scholarship Fund.

Thanks to the Day Camp Scholarship Fund,
we have been able to assist many deserving families with tuition assistance.
Make checks payable to Good Shepherd
and note that it is for the Day Camp Scholarship Fund. Thank you for your help!

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD MUSIC & WORSHIP

THURSDAY, MAY 10 7:00 PM

In the gospel reading we hear that the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth.

Come and let Christ's Spirit ignite your proclamation of new life for all people.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Classes are held several times a year to educate those interested in Lutheran Christianity as it is lived at Good Shepherd. The next Inquirer's Class will be a one-day session on Saturday, May 19, from 9:00 am to noon. Please see Pastor Russell if you are interested. And if you know of someone who has been thinking about looking into Good Shepherd please encourage them to consider being part of this class.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES!

We congratulate all who are graduating from high school, college, or technical school this spring. You know who you are, but we may not! In order to celebrate your accomplishments, please contact the church office and provide information regarding your graduation. We would like to know the school from which you graduated, any specifics (e.g. major) and your plans for the future. A list of graduates will be published in the August *Good News*.

We will bid FAREWELL AND GODSPEED to recent high school graduates as they leave for college or otherwise begin a new chapter in their lives. Pastor Russell will host a breakfast for graduates, Sunday, August 12, meeting at the church office at 9:25 am. The Farewell and Godspeed will be part of the 11:00 am liturgy that day.

SENIOR SHEPHERDS

The meeting of the Senior Shepherds will be on May 8th at 11:30 am in All Saints Hall. We will have the usual covered dish luncheon so please sign up on our bulletin board so we know how many to expect and the dish you will be bringing. The speaker this month is Kris Albert's sister Laura Miller who will talk on Senior Home Safety.

The lunch will be the usual covered dish so be sure to sign up on the Senior Shepherds Bulletin Board if you will be attending and list what you be bringing. All are welcome and if you don't want to bring anything, donations are appreciated. New members are always welcome!

BLOCK PARTY PLANNING IN FULL SWING



We're less than a month away from year's event on June 2, 2018. We will again have a bounce house, barrel train, free book table, and the best Bingo prizes around. In addition to many favorites from past years, new features for this year will include fried Oreos, a Minion craft item, indoor lounge area, two bands, a magician, live animals, and other great entertainment! Please take some time this month to consider how you can participate by inviting others, making a donation, attending the event, and/or volunteering to serve.

Please use the tables in the narthex to sign up for donations and/or to work a shift or two. We are hoping to have volunteers sign up for different slots throughout the day – such as helping with food for a shift and crafts for another, or games for a shift and then hospitality. Being able to assist with several activities enables the opportunity to meet new folks during the day and help to provide constructive feedback for future Block Parties! We also want to ensure a safe and fun experience for all by trying to ensure that volunteers have breaks – we will be doing our best to help rotate individuals but also encourage you to schedule accordingly to give yourself a break in-between shifts. Please know that any time you can give on June 2 is appreciated – even a one hour shift is impactful!

Can't make it the day of? Consider helping with setup Friday evening, or arriving at 3:00 pm to help with cleanup in the kitchen. Contact Meghan /Wayne Hooper (mlb403@gmail.com or call 814-934-5636) with any questions. We hope you are planning on coming to Block Party!

NEXT LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Liturgical Ministry Schedule for Assisting Ministers, Acolytes, Greeters, Offering Presenters, Nursery and Flower Delivery, as well as Saturday Lectors and Communion Assistants, and Greeters:

The Schedules — The third quarter Sunday Liturgical Ministry Schedules for the current church year, May 27 (Holy Trinity) through August 26 (14 Pentecost) will be prepared soon and mailed no later than May 16. The Saturday Schedule, for June 2 through August 25, will be mailed about a week later.

Who to Tell — Please give any dates you are not available to serve to Greg Wolfe, at his box in the office, gregory.wolfe07@gmail.com, 717-397-2737, or 347-244-1430, at your earliest convenience, on or before May 13.

New Volunteers — To those not on the Schedules: Please give some thought to volunteering for any of these positions; we very much need more help. Assisting Ministers and Acolytes require some training; please speak to the Pastor if you are interested. Volunteers for the other positions can begin with the new schedule. Simply let Greg Wolfe know.

PARISH NOTES

PRAYER CHAIN Good Shepherd has an active prayer chain made up of concerned people who commit themselves to praying for various people and concerns each week. If you have someone to include in our prayers, or would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact the church office, 717-393-3958 or email cos@goodshepherdlancaster.org. Our prayer chain coordinator is Elizabeth Hendricks. Concerns are kept confidential.

WHO ARE OUR SHUT-INS? Home-bound members or those living in assisted living facilities or other institutions are communed quarterly and visited by a lay visitor monthly. If there is someone who should be added to our list, speak with one of the pastors or call the office.

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS If you or someone you know from the congregation is admitted to a local hospital, please contact the pastor or the church office immediately. We cannot depend on the hospitals to notify us in all cases. At present, only LGH releases information.

CDS OF OUR WEEKLY SERVICES If you are interested in receiving a compact disc of any of the liturgies here at Good Shepherd, please fill out a CD Request Form available in the tract rack in the narthex. CDs are available on a one-time basis or can be mailed to any of our homebound members on a weekly basis.

WEB SITE See us on the web at www.GoodShepherdLancaster.org. Good Shepherd's web site is a place to find information and inspiration. And you can now hear inspiration by listening to the Weekly Readings online. *Good News from Good Shepherd* is also available to view online.

HOMEBOUND MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Brightly

	5-11 JACK MORRIS	5-17 DICK SHOPF	
	1928 GERALDSON DR.	MUHLENBERG RM 414	
	LANCASTER, PA 17601	300 ST. MARK AVENUE	
		LITITZ, PA 17543	



SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE CROOK

Saturday Night at the Crook will take a hiatus beginning in May and for the summer months. If you have ideas for what we might do in the fall, speak with Jim or Wendy Shiffer or Pastor Russell. We will resume in September with exciting Saturday Night events.

PARISH NOTES

SYMPATHY

- to Steve Beiler and family upon the death of Steve's mother, Katie.

NEW OFFICERS

At its reorganizational meeting on Good Shepherd Sunday, April 22, the Congregation Council elected or reelected the following:

- President: Kris Albert
- Vice President: Bob Kelshaw
- Secretary: Janet Musser
- Treasurer: Sue Kelshaw
- Financial Secretary: Greg Wolfe

PARISH REGISTER

HOLY BAPTISM

*"In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit"*

PATRICK JEFFREY BURKE

31 March 2018

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

MCKENZIE WALLING
KEVIN BROOKS

15 April 2018

FLOWERS FOR PENTECOST

We will be decorating the church with red, pollinator-friendly annuals for Pentecost Day, May 20, 2018. The flowers will be planted in front of the church following the Pentecost liturgy. The cost per plant is again \$5.00. Orders must be received in the church office by Sunday, May 13. Thank you!

Ordered by _____

Envelope no. _____ Check one: _____ Memorial

Amount: _____ _____ Honor

_____ Thanksgiving

For: _____

R3 UPDATE

You've no doubt heard people say "I don't like change" or something similar. It's not surprising that people can be uncomfortable with change. In fact, William Bridges, a researcher whose Transition Model has become the gold standard for understanding change and transition, offers all kinds of understandable reasons why people seem to resist and oppose change. The good news is, that the people of Good Shepherd have been navigating our recent changes in very healthy ways.

The R3 Renewal process itself is a unique kind of response to change—a positive way of looking at the impact of changes in our church, and in our community. Choosing to engage in the R3 process, has given us the framework to help us to navigate these changes in healthy and productive ways. As such, we as a congregation are seeing the emergence of great creativity and innovation. People are trying on new ways of thinking and working, and new possibilities are emerging. God is breathing renewal into our congregation, and we are calling on the Holy Spirit to support and guide us.

On Good Shepherd Sunday, as we gathered at our luncheon, the R3 team asked folks to share the things that they are sensing and seeing that are evidence of this spirit of renewal. Let us celebrate together these gifts that God has given us, as shared by some of the words of praise offered that day:

- "We welcome all because we know we are welcomed and loved by God."
- "We have great people, a great Pastor, and leaders!"
- "God has given us followers with enthusiasm."
- "Our music ministry makes me say wow!"
- "We have a cooperating and caring congregation!"
- "The kindness and love shown to each other at services and in everything that goes on here is beautiful."

May we use these and the many other gifts we have received to serve and bless others as we seek to live out our vision!

The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd is committed to living out the unconditional love and radical hospitality of Jesus in our worship, our shared life, and our service to the world.

May it be so! Thanks be to God!

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHURCH CAMP

Limited scholarships are available to help Good Shepherd children and youth to attend one of our Lutheran Camps this summer. Please speak with Pastor Russell, or send a letter to the Congregation Council. Contributions to the Scholarship Fund are also welcome.

GOOD SHEPHERD'S GARDENS NEED YOUR HELP!

Garden fans, we continue to need help maintaining the gardens around the church and the entrances. We need volunteers especially for the front of the church, the Memorial Garden and the Good Shepherd sign garden. In addition, we need some helpers for the Pitney Road (Eagle Scout) Garden. This is a big area, so maybe a family project, or a few friends? I will be glad to weed with any volunteer to show them what goes and what stays! This is especially important, since we do not use weed killers or anything that can harm our pollinators. Please let me know if you are interested in helping! Please contact Helen Book - cwbhb@comcastnet.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Please plan to join us on Friday, May 11, at 9:00 am at Oregon Dairy for the Women's Breakfast. At our April breakfast meeting, the women were all abuzz about a recent presentation by Doug Albert at the March Senior Shepherd meeting about eating for health and wellness. So, due to popular demand we will welcome Doug to our May breakfast to share more useful nuggets (NOT of the McDonald's Chicken variety) of information and to give an opportunity to have more questions answered related to eating a whole food diet. We hope you can join us.


The Good Shepherd Women's Breakfast occurs on the second Friday of every month at the Oregon Dairy, 2900 Oregon Pike, Lititz, PA 17543. If you would like to add your name to receive updates or schedule changes for the Women's Breakfast, please call Kris Albert at 717-517-7779, or send an email to her at kristen@liveworksatisfied.com. We hope you will put the breakfast on your calendar and join us as together we grow in sisterhood and faith.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

At its meeting April 4, the Congregation Council took the following actions:

- Approved the formation of the search committee to fill the position of part-time Cantor
- Heard a report from the R3 Renewal Team for the plans of upcoming community interviews
- Approved a motion to service and sell two lawnmowers that are no longer needed
- Heard a proposal from Morgan Smith on her desire to create some form of community meal at Good Shepherd to fulfill the requirements of the Girl Scout Gold Award
- Received a report that Ted Wolfe will be attending Synod Leadership Training Camp and approved \$160 from the scholarship fund to given to assist with camp tuition
- Received a report that registration for Greenfield Day Camp is going well and some weeks are nearing capacity

The next meetings of Congregation Council are May 23 and June 27, 2018.



One of a Kind

The scrambled words and phrases below are all found in the Bible. They all have something in common. Find what that is. First, unscramble the words. Next, transfer the circled letters in order to the lines at the bottom of the page.

- 1) eiVn _ _ _
- 2) iLly fo teh elaVly
_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
- 3) abLm fo dGo _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
- 4) estMar _ _ _ _ _
- 5) eJuss _ _ _ _
- 6) okRc _ _ _
- 7) rdBea fo eiLf _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
- 8) higLt fo hte dorWl
_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
- 9) voaSir _ _ _ _ _
- 10) doLr _ _ _ _
- 11) ishCrt _ _ _ _ _
- 12) ehSprhed _ _ _ _ _ _ _
- 13) Teh doWr _ _ _ _ _
- 14) rncPie fo cePae
_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

What do all these words have in common?
" _ _ _ _ _ , _ _ _ _ _ ."

ADVANCE DATES

May 6	4:00 pm Fine Arts: QuintEssentially Brass
May 10	7:00 pm Ascension Music & Worship
May 20	Pentecost Day
June 2	11:00 am - 3:00 pm Good Shepherd Community Block Party
June 24-June 30	Lancaster Confirmation Camp — Kirchenwald
June 27-July 1	ELCA Youth Gathering Houston, TX
August 12	High School Graduate Breakfast/Farewell & Godspeed
August 19	Blessing of Backpacks
September 9	Back to School Breakfast
September 9	God's Work. Our Hands. Service Project
September 30	Blessing of Animals
November 4	All Saints Sunday

HOLY EUCHARIST: WITH THE SAINTS

Wednesdays in Summer • 7:00 pm

Join us outside in Good Shepherd's Memorial Garden for a time of prayer, scripture and the Eucharist. This brief service is celebrated among the saints (those who've gone before us) in quiet reverence and remembrance.

May 30 † June 6, 13, 20, 27 † July 11, 18, 25 † August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in the nave.

SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES

SUNDAY

8:15 AM	HOLY EUCHARIST
11:00 AM	HOLY EUCHARIST

WEDNESDAYS

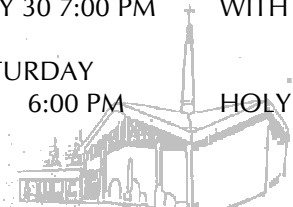
7:00 PM	EVENING PRAYER
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WEDNESDAY

MAY 30 7:00 PM	HOLY EUCHARIST: WITH THE SAINTS
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SATURDAY

6:00 PM	HOLY EUCHARIST
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The deadline to spread Good News is **May 15**, for the **June 2018**, issue. Articles may be placed in the secretary's mailbox or e-mailed (**preferably as a WORD DOCUMENT**) to cos@goodshepherdlanaster.org.

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Vision Statement

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