

GOOD NEWS

from GOOD SHEPHERD

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That special day of thanks is fast approaching and we would again like you to be part of it. Please join us at 12:30 on Thursday, November 22 — Thanksgiving Day — as we enjoy a traditional, Thanksgiving meal in the company of friends, family and community. As always, this family-style meal will be served at the church including roast turkey with all the trimmings to pumpkin pie and coffee. No reservations are necessary. And since this is a FREE event, there’s no need to bring your wallet, just a healthy appetite. You’ll want to be sure and sample everything. Hungry yet? Remember, there’s no need for reservations. Just come. We’d love to have you. But be sure to call the church office at (717)393-3958 if you’ve any questions.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD . . . REVERENT. RELEVANT. REAL.

from the PASTOR

This from our R3 Team:

The R3 Renewal Team extends our thanks to all of those who participated in the “Vision, Values, and Vittles” (VVV) conversation on Sunday, October 21. Your input on behalf of the congregation will help to shape our ministries and the values and principles that inform our decisions for years to come!

One of the assignments for the R3 Renewal Team for the next Synod R3 Renewal Event on November 7, is to engage our congregation in a prescribed process that will uncover the “values and guiding principles” that are at the heart of who we are as a community of faith. To do this, the R3 Renewal Team extended an invitation to the congregation to participate in this conversation; the Congregation Council will have engaged in this process at their October meeting, and the Youth of our congregation will also be a part of the process during the education hour November 4.

In this process, specific prompts were given to the group to help us begin to identify our values as a congregation. These prompts were intended to identify how God wants the world to see us, and how God wants us to see ourselves as a community of faith. In groups of 4 to 6 people, participants sought words to express the following:

1. When the “WORLD” sees LCGS at our best, God will see...
2. When LCGS sees ourselves at our best, we will see...

What do you notice about the words and ideas that came out of the VVV conversation? What patterns do you see? What do you see that you might not have expected? What don’t you see that you would have hoped or expected to see?

How God wants the “WORLD” to see us:	How God wants LCGS to see ourselves:
Welcoming, Hospitable, Caring & Compassionate, Generous, Serving, Forgiving, God-Centered, Loving...	Genuine, As a family, Having integrity, Continually learning and growing, Faithful, Inclusive, Hopeful, Joy-filled...

In the days and weeks ahead, please pray for our congregation and our Renewal team, that as we continue to have conversations about our Values and Guiding Principles, that the Holy Spirit will guide and strengthen us, deepen our faith, and fill us with vision and direction. May we bring our best to everything we say and do, as we seek to serve God with all our hearts, and all our minds, and all our strength. May it be so! Thanks be to God!

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from the CANTOR

Please consider singing in the "open choir loft" on Thanksgiving Eve! Come upstairs to the Choir Room at 6:30 to prepare special music for the 7:00 liturgy on Wednesday, November 21. We will begin promptly at 6:30, but latecomers will not be turned away! You do not need to be a member of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, an adult, or have musical background to participate. All that is required is a minimum of a third grade reading level.

In 2019 we will begin an active, involved recruitment process for the choir. Singing in the open loft on Thanksgiving Eve is an easy, no-stress way to get the "choir experience" without making "the big commitment."

Singing in the open loft is also for everyone. Even if you yourself would not consider singing in the choir, you may know somebody who would! By participating in the open loft on Thanksgiving Eve, you can tell your friend(s), "Hey, you should consider joining the choir! Having tried it myself, I know you would really love it! PLUS, the director is so kind, caring, funny, sweet, good-looking..." Okay, okay, I won't push it, but even if you have a terrible singing voice, singing in the open loft on Thanksgiving Eve will be worth every sour note for the shared experience, AND the fantastic story to tell around the Thanksgiving table the next day.

Seriously, though, what better way to support the music ministry in the church you love than to play an integral part in growing its musical forces by helping recruit choir members? A bigger choir not only enables us to add more variety and beauty to the weekly liturgies that mean so much to us, but it also brings more people into an active, vital ministry role. As a member of the choir, you:

- Gain a sense of purpose and calling
- Gain a sense of belonging in an active faith community
- Get to end your Thursdays "on a high note," and with a sense of centeredness and peace
- Experience God in a special new way
- Help others experience God in a special new way
- Perfect the creative gifts God has given you
- Use those perfected gifts to worship and serve and thank God

But don't take my word for it. Over the next few weeks, find a choir member and ask them why they sing. Listen carefully to their response, and think of people who you think would benefit from such an experience.

It all begins with a conversation.

Chris Prestia,
Cantor

FAMILY, FAITH, AND FUN!

Our theme this year is "Children of the Bible." Children and families are welcome to get together to eat, learn, and try out some activities. We start with a meal at 6:00 pm, and the evening will end about 7:15 pm. The stories we will learn about this year are:

- **November 14 - *Joseph and His Coat***
- December 12 - *Baby Jesus*
- January 9 - *David as a Child*
- February 13 - *Samuel as a Child*
- March 13 - *Jesus as a Boy*
- April 10 - *The Boy with Loaves of Bread*
- May 8 - *Let the Little Children Come*



In addition, we will collect money for the "Change for Change" fundraiser. The ELCA Good Gifts program allows us to purchase life-changing gifts for people in need. We will collect money throughout the year, and choose a Good Gift (or more) to purchase after we see how much we have collected. ELCA Good Gifts range from \$10 to \$2500, so there are many possibilities depending on the money collected. Start saving now!

YOUTH NEWS

On October 14, six youth and two leaders joined Carol Fabian and her family in Philadelphia for the IDF Walk for Primary Immunodeficiency. What a blessing to be able to raise awareness and to find encouragement as part of that community!

When the walk was finished, we used our new "Live" edition Bibles to share in a devotional over the day's Gospel reading, Mark 10:17-31. We discussed what things distract us from God in our daily lives, and challenged ourselves to eliminate those obstacles in order to focus more fully on God.

The LCGS Youth would like to thank the Senior Shepherds for their generous donation, which allowed us to purchase a "Live" Bible for each youth and leader! We will be using these interactive Bibles for Sunday School, Confirmation, and Youth Group. In addition to all of the scriptures, our new Bibles contain "Creative Space" for artwork, "Real Questions" for us to ponder, "Try This" suggestions for us to apply, "Text Messages" with facts and trivia, and more.

Youth in grades 6-12 continue to meet for Sunday School at 9:30 each Sunday. Our November Youth Group meeting is Sunday, November 11, from 6:00-8:00 pm. Our service project will be helping prep for the Thanksgiving Meal on Wednesday, November 21.

Dates for all meetings and activities are printed and posted on the LCGS Youth Bulletin Board outside of the café. Please take a date saver! Youth and their parents can receive announcements via Remind text alerts. Text @lcsy to 81010 to join our main mode of communication. If you would like to be added to the LCGS Youth and Parent email lists, please email Meghan Hooper at mlb403@gmail.com.

PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS OF KIDS IN COLLEGE

Youth Group would like to encourage our LCGS alumni with cards and other special deliveries while they are away at college. Could you please provide us with their college addresses by completing this form for each of our college-aged youth? tinyurl.com/LCGScollege

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The next Liturgical Ministry Schedule will be prepared in November. Please give any dates you are not available to serve to Greg Wolfe at your earliest convenience, at his mail box in the office, by email at gregory.wolfe07@gmail.com, or call 717-397-2737, or 347-244-1430. Thank you.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Please plan to join us on Friday, November 9, at 9:00 am at Oregon Dairy for the Women's Breakfast. This autumn we are having faith-filled conversations around "hospitality" and "loving our neighbor" using passages from the Bible for reflection and study. We hope that everyone who attends will participate and help to enrich our learning! Newcomers are welcome to join us at any time!

The Good Shepherd Women's Breakfast occurs on the second Friday of every month at 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, call Kris Albert at 717-517-7779, or send an email to her at kristen@liveworksatisfied.com. We hope you will join us.

COMMITMENT WEEKEND

During worship services the weekend of November 10 & 11, each of us will be invited to make a commitment to support the life and ministry offered through the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in the coming year. You should have already received a packet with information related to our shared ministries, as well as a pledge form for you to use in communicating your commitment to support the work of the church through financial gifts. Please offer your commitment November 10 or 11.

SENIOR SHEPHERDS

The November meeting of Senior Shepherds will be on the 13th at 11:30 am in All Saints Hall with the usual covered dish luncheon. Soup, coffee and tea will be provided, so sign up on the Seniors' Bulletin Board if you plan to attend and use the other sign up sheet for what you will be bringing. If you could, lean more toward the sandwiches and salads. Entertainment will be a Hymn Sing with Cantor Chris Prestia providing the music. All are welcome. Bring along new members and be with your church family to join in food, fun and fellowship!

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.

THANK YOU

- to Pastor Russell and our Good Shepherd family for your love and concern for us with the passing of our mother, May Simpson. We are truly humbled, and we appreciated all the cards and care we have received. God bless you all!
... *Barbi and Dave Ressler*

SYMPATHY

- to Lee Bender upon the death of her son, Arthur, on October 14

PARISH REGISTER

BURIAL OF THE DEAD

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

BARBARA "BOBBIE" KENNEDY
20 October 2018

BIRTHDAYS	11-11 JEAN LEESE	11-14 ART HIRSCHMANN
	MORAVIAN MANOR RM 151	1220 EAST KING STREET
	300 W. LEMON STREET LITITZ, PA 17543	LANCASTER, PA 17602



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Guys, you are invited to join us for a time of fellowship and conversation over breakfast at Oregon Dairy Restaurant from 8:30-9:30 am the first Tuesday of each month. We meet in a private room and share informal conversation until placing our orders for food. Then we discuss one of the Biblical texts from the previous Sunday, usually the Gospel reading. Once our food arrives we share a meal prayer and then the conversation goes wherever it goes, sometimes staying with the text, sometimes not. Want to join us? Come to Oregon Dairy the first Tuesday of the month (just not January 1!), walk straight through the dining room and into the smaller room on the other side, and you will find us—other Lutherans hungry for food and fellowship.

HELP WITH LCGS COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

Please sign-up on the hall bulletin board to help with our Community Thanksgiving Dinner! Place your name by grocery items you can provide; just write how much you can bring. We need fresh/thawed turkeys before Monday, November 19. Cooked and carved turkeys can be dropped off anytime before 11:00 am Thanksgiving Day. You can provide your own, or pick one up from the church fridge after Monday the 19th. We need help with prep Wednesday the 21st from 9:30 am until we finish! (Lunch is provided!) Or come Thanksgiving Day at 11:00 am to set up for dinner or come a little later for clean up. Oops, almost forgot the best part, there's a signup sheet for desserts! Thanks in advance!

LANCASTER CO. COUNCIL OF CHURCHES FOOD BANK

Food for the LCCC Food Bank will be collected at services on the 3rd weekend of each month. For ideas of items for upcoming months, please consider soups, beans, tomatoes, and other items that could be used for chili and stew. All non-perishable food and monetary donations are appreciated! Thank you to everyone for your support!

PASTOR TED SCHNEIDER HONORED

The Rev. Theodore Schneider, pastor of Advent and then the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd from 1965 to 1986, was honored on October 17th at a celebration sponsored by United Disabilities Services. In 1965 Pastor Schneider began a group, known at one time as United Cerebral Palsy, that provided social opportunities for people with disabilities. That organization, now UDS, operates in more than forty counties in PA to provide services such as home modifications, personal care, custom wheelchair seating, adult enrichment, and service dog training. UDS recently moved from Greenfield Corporate Center and consolidated their offices into a single building at Erin Court. Although he no longer lives in the area Pastor Schneider continues his interest in and support for the organization. At the dinner it was announced that the learning center in the new building will be named in his honor.

PLAN TO ATTEND THE SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

in the nave of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
Sunday, November 25, 2018, at 9:30 am following the 8:15 service.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS INCLUDE:

- Receive a Semi-annual Report to the Congregation (copies will be available beginning November 17 & 18)
- Approval of a Budget for 2019
- Election of Members to the Nominating Committee

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

During the September 19, 2018, Church Council meeting the following topics were discussed.

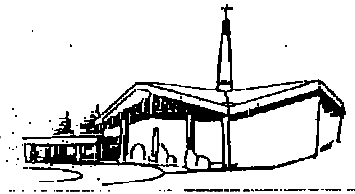
- Reviewed and approved the list of nominees for the Finance and Audit Committee members put forth by the Ministry Support Team.
Finance Committee:
Mark Lowery – Chairman
Mike Lefever – Member
Dave Marks – Member
Audit Committee:
Bud Gotwald
Lisa Allen
- Consolidated the three Christmas Eve services to two services this year. The Family Service will be held at 5:00 pm followed by an 8:00 pm Festival Candlelight Service.
- The R3 team continues training and has designed bookmarks for distribution to the congregation by the ushers. They can also be found in the pew racks.
- Reviewed the 2019 budget draft in preparation for the Council vote in October and Congregation presentation in November.
- Approved a request from "Experience Bridge" which provides cross-cultural experiences between refugees and members of the community. We will be hosting a future dinner and program for this group. More to come.
- Discussed our needs. Volunteers are needed to help with the Altar Guild and other committees. Help Wanted ads have been placed on the bulletin boards in hopes those that have the time and feel the call step up and volunteer to assist where needed.
- Reviewed the recent God's Work. Our Hands. project. Twenty-one volunteers helped with either lawn work or visiting our neighbors at Eastwood Village. A few residents requested additional help and a time to complete these requests.

The next meetings of the Congregation Council are October 24 and December 5, 2018.

THANKSGIVING EVE LITURGY

NOVEMBER 21, 2018 ■ 7:00 PM

Come and worship the God to whom we offer thanks for all our blessings! Bring boxed/canned foods so that those who visit our food bank will also have a reason to offer their thanks.



ADVENT DAY APART AT THE WITTEL FARM

December 8, 2018, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm (program starts at 9:30 am)

We don't like to wait for anything, and especially Christmas. With all its secular attraction, this holiday is often a focus on over-indulgence, and too often neglected is the best gift of all... one worth our waiting. Join us for an Advent Day Apart at The Wittel Farm, a day of Bible study, worship, and prayerful reflection as we seek to prepare for the coming of the Christ.

Led by Rev. Tonya Eza: "Waiting and Watching with John the Baptist"

Using biblical storytelling, Pr. Eza will share the witness of John the Baptist, opening his story to participants in new ways.

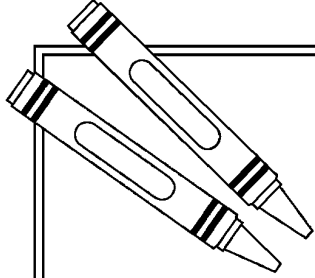
\$15.00 (& lunch) Register by November 23, at <https://www.lutherancamping.org/registration/>

Advent Lessons & Carols

4 pm Sunday
December 2

Join us for a traditional service of Advent Lessons and Carols, featuring the choirs of The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. Represented composers will include Richard Shephard, Jacob Handl, and Thomas Pavlechko. Reception will follow.

Fine arts.
Fine food for body and soul.





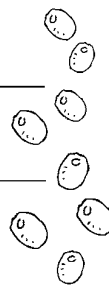


Just for KIDS

A Bible Time Feast!

We celebrate important events and holidays by gathering for meals – for feasts! The disciples and other people who lived in Bible times did the same. “Breaking bread” together was, and is, an important part of our lives. The early Christians often met for an Agape meal – a time of friendship and fellowship.

We might enjoy ham or turkey or lasagna and pumpkin pie or cheesecake. What would a menu from an early Christian Agape meal look like?

 Look up each Scripture reference to complete the menu below.

<p>Grilled _____ (Matthew 7:10)</p>		<p>_____ (Ezekiel 4:12)</p>
<p>_____ (Deuteronomy 23:24)</p>	<p>_____ (Leviticus 2:4)</p>	<p>_____ (Numbers 11:5)</p>
<p>Loaf of _____ (1 Chronicles 16:3)</p>		<p>_____ (Job 10:10)</p>
<p>_____ (2 Samuel 23:11)</p>	<p>_____ (Deuteronomy 28:40)</p>	<p>_____ (Numbers 11:5)</p>
<p>_____ (Genesis 25:30)</p>	<p>M</p>	<p>_____ (Numbers 11:5)</p>
<p>O _____ (Numbers 11:5)</p>	<p>Cake of _____ (1 Chronicles 16:3)</p>	<p>_____ (1 Chronicles 16:3)</p>
		

ADVANCE DATES

November 4	All Saints Sunday
November 10 & 11	Commitment Weekend
November 21	7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship
November 22	12:30 pm Thanksgiving Meal
November 25	9:30 am Semi-annual Congregation Meeting
December 2	4:00 pm Advent Lessons & Carols
December 8 & 9	Winterfest at Spooky Nook
December 23	12:30 pm Decorate the Church for Christmas
December 24	Christmas Eve Worship
	5:00 pm Family Service
	8:00 pm Festival Candlelight Service
December 25	10:00 am Christmas Day Worship
January 6	9:30 am Intergenerational Epiphany Event
January 20	9:30 am Forum: Ministry Update
January 21	Martin Luther King Day - Office Closed

SCHEDULE CHANGE — 2 SERVICES ONLY

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

5:00 pm Family Service ■ 8:00 pm Festival Candlelight Service

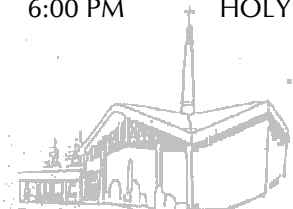
SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES

SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER

SATURDAY
6:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST



The deadline to spread Good News is **November 15**, for the **December 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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