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Good Shepherd Monthly News

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It's time for the Fall Kickoff!

After skipping a year due to Covid, the Fall Kickoff is back! Join us on **Sunday, September 12th**. Invite your family and friends! Our **communion worship service** will be led by Pastor David Weeks and begins at **10:15am**. Retired now, Pastor Weeks formerly served at Concordia Lutheran in McKeesport before serving at Calvary Lutheran in Murrysville. We welcome Pastor Weeks in joining us on this special day!

Sunday School staff will be introduced and installed. 3rd Graders will receive their Bibles. Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks and participate in the Blessing of the Backpacks. Then, immediately following worship (about 11:45am), we'll gather for the **annual church picnic**. EVERYONE IS WELCOME! Meat and drinks will be provided. If you know you are coming or if you can bring dish to share, [sign-up here](#) to let us know.

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his
presence with singing! – Psalm 100:1*

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Fall Worship Schedule

Our **regular fall worship** schedule **begins** on **Sunday, September 19th** as follows:

- **9am Sunday School and Adult Bible Class**
- **10:15am Worship Service**

Check out the calendar on page 4 to see who is preaching and when we have communion.

If you have general questions, [contact the church office](#). Questions about Sunday School, [contact Laura Thurston, Sunday School Superintendent](#).

Ministry News

Pastoral Call Update

A Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday, August 15th. The purpose of this meeting was for the Call Committee to present Pastor Phillip Schultz as a candidate for a pastoral call from Good Shepherd. Ray Vogel reviewed the committee's work to date. Discussion was had and ballots were cast. Ultimately, it was a unanimous decision that Good Shepherd extend a call to Pastor Phil. Pastor Phil agreed to consider the call.

A second Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday, August 29th for the congregation to approve the financial package. This package was not yet finalized at the August 15th meeting. Membership voted to approve the financial package.

Pastor Phil has received the call documents. Please keep Pastor Phil and his family in your prayers as he prayerfully considers the call extended to him by Good Shepherd. Pray for St. Luke Lutheran in Cheektowaga, NY, as they learn their pastor has received and is considering a call to Good Shepherd. Pray for Good Shepherd as we anxiously await a decision by Pastor Phil. As Pastor Barry said in a sermon this summer, *'God works all things together for good.'* We continue to pray for His guidance and for patience, understanding that a new pastor for Good Shepherd will be identified in His time.

*Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord. — Psalm 27:14*

Preschool

Welcome Back!

School starts September 8th. Some classes still have availability. Interested in learning more, [email Ashley Miller, Preschool Director](#).

Be a Preschool Pal!

With a \$10 contribution, sponsor Christian-themed books for a student. The books are given to the child (on your behalf) at his/her birthday, Christmas, and Easter. Forms are available in the church narthex. [Email Jeanine Bondi](#) in the Preschool Office for more information.

Attend the Fall Festival!

Jump into Fall with the Preschool's Fall Festival. Mark **October 1st** on the calendar for some food, games and a bake sale! Watch for details in the *Monday Moment* and *Weekly Tidings*.



Ladies' Ministry

You're Invited to an Oktoberfest Luncheon!

Come and invite your family and friends to an **Oktoberfest Luncheon** on **Sunday, September 26** beginning at **11:30am**. This event is hosted by the LWML. The menu includes pork roast, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, German potato salad, corn, hot dogs, and an assortment of desserts. The cost to attend is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. All proceeds will go towards the remodeling of the church kitchen. If you have any questions, speak with an LWML officer—Jeannie Barone, Rachel Barone, Carol Kagemann, Ruth Johnson, or Kari Sawchak.

Save the Date!

The LWML will hold its annual **Four Seasons event** on **Saturday, November 6th** beginning at **12pm**. Each table will be decorated with a theme for one of the four seasons. We'll have lunch, a basket raffle, and a 50/50 drawing. The cost to attend is \$10. Watch for more details as the event approaches.

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. – 1 Peter 4:10

Get Connected

Do you have a heart for missions? Is group facilitation your strength? Are you passionate about photography? Are you skilled in audio/visual equipment and software? **Visit the [Get Connected page on our website](#) and check out the various areas available to serve within Good Shepherd.** Find your fit and then fill out the designated form at the bottom of that webpage to share with us your interests. We'll then get you connected with the leader in that service area.

Monday Moment: Contributions welcome!

Do you enjoy reading the thoughts in the weekly *Monday Moment*? Is there a thought YOU would like to share? Guest authors are always welcome! Your words don't have to be eloquent. Just share what is on your heart.

Want to remain anonymous? That's perfectly fine! Worried about finding a picture to go with your thought or formatting the text? No problem! Only simple words are needed. Formatting and all other technical aspects will be taken care of for you. [Simply email the office with your thought](#), and look for it in a future *Monday Moment*.

Be sure to check [goodshepherdpittsburgh.org](https://www.goodshepherdpittsburgh.org) for a live calendar and up-to-date information.

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<p>Worship Sermon Schedule: 9/5—Pastor Joel Christiansen (video) 9/12—Pastor David Weeks 9/19—Pastor Joel Christiansen (video) 9/26—Pastor Barry Keurulainen</p>		<p>1 7:30p Narc Anon</p>	<p>2 <i>Preschool-Meet the Teacher</i> 5p Soccer Shots</p>	<p>3 7p Plastic Model Society</p>	<p>4 9:15a Soccer Shots</p>
<p>5 <i>10:a Worship</i></p>	<p>6 Labor Day Office Closed 5p Soccer Shots 7p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>7 6p Scrapbookers</p>	<p>8 Preschool Classes Begin 7:30p Narc Anon</p>	<p>9 5p Soccer Shots</p>	<p>10 9:15a Soccer Shots</p>
<p>12 Fall Kick-off <i>10:15a Worship w/Communion</i> <i>11:45a Picnic</i></p>	<p>13 5p Soccer Shots 7p Boy Scouts 7p Council</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 7:30p Narc Anon</p>	<p>16 5p Soccer Shots</p>	<p>17 Articles Due for October Newsletter 9:15a Soccer Shots</p>
<p>19 <i>9a SS/Bible Class</i> <i>10:15a Worship</i></p>	<p>20 5p Soc Shots 7p Boy Scouts 7p Elders</p>	<p>21 6p Scrapbookers</p>	<p>22 7:30p Narc Anon</p>	<p>23 5p Soccer Shots</p>	<p>24 9:15a Soccer Shots</p>
<p>26 <i>9a SS/Bible Class</i> <i>10:15a Worship w/ Communion</i></p>	<p>27 5p Soccer Shots 7p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 7:30p Narc Anon</p>	<p>30 5p Soccer Shots</p>	

Sunday morning worship continues in-person and it is also being live streamed.

[Click here](#) Sundays to join us in worship via our YouTube Channel.

Complete the [Online Worship Fellowship Record](#) to let us know you have joined.

September Birthdays

9/5—Rick Geis

9/6—Ron Gerstacker, Jr.

9/8—Helen Lee Coleman

9/8—Rose Ann Zimmerman

9/12—Cecilia Scheller

9/12—Rich Ulanowicz

9/19—Pam Bickel

9/20—Bethany Barkell

9/23—Jim Stocker

9/25—Eli Rea

9/27—Mikey Yakemowicz

9/28—Jason Moore-Gray

9/29—Lauren Barker

9/29—Chloe Kramer

9/30—Mikey Kudis



September Anniversaries

9/3—Tim and Sandy Marcovecchio (27)

9/6—Marty and Gail Snyder (41)

9/11—Jeremy and Amy Frantz (17)

9/17—Ron and Donna Dunmire (33)

9/19—Deke and Cis Scheller (40)



Missional Pathway

Covid pre-empted our Missional Pathway journey, but we're ready to resume again this fall. To address changes over the last 18 months, we'll meet to participate in ReAssess on October 24th. We'll conclude with Advance on November 14th. Mark your calendars, save these dates, and watch for more information.

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Prayer Requests for Members, Family and Friends:

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