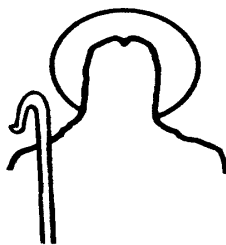


# August 2009



## The Shepherd's Staff

The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
4503 Old William Penn Highway  
Monroeville, PA 15146

Office: 412-372-2934 • Fax: 412-372-2437  
Visit our website: [www.goodshepherdlife.org](http://www.goodshepherdlife.org)

### Worship Services

**Sunday Worship** 8:00/10:30 AM

**Gladsound** 6:00 PM

Saturday, August 8, 2009

**Pew Communion** 2:00 PM

Sunday, August 9, 2009

### Our Mission

The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church proclaims the Good News of Jesus Christ through Word and Worship, Fellowship and Service to all people.

### Staff

**The Rev. Dr. Eric D. Ash, Sr.**,  
Pastor

**Doug Duca**

Director of Music Ministry

**Judy Stewart**

Director of Handbell Ministries

**Bernadine Zvolensky**

Parish Secretary

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**Besty Allen**, Service

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**Jim Peterson**, Witness

**Donna Barr**, Witness

**Kit Kratzenberg**, Worship

**Cathy Holm**, Mutual Ministry\*

\*Non-Council Members

### A Letter From the Pastor...

Dear Friends in Christ:

Once again I need to write to you at length, and candidly, about a pressing matter. There is some temptation to ignore these concerns, but they will be covered by the newspapers and TV, and people will want to know what is going on and where our church stands.

The ELCA Churchwide Assembly meets in Minneapolis beginning August 17<sup>th</sup>. Among the many items of business, the most important decision to be made concerns whether to ordain people to the ministry of Word and Sacrament who are in committed same-gender relationships. In other words, the ELCA will be deciding if it will allow practicing gays, lesbians, bisexual and transgendered people to be pastors, and if it will bless same-sex unions. This, of course, is a very controversial decision. I will not attempt to present the theological and scriptural arguments for one side or the other here.

Many of my colleagues in ministry have been addressing this issue in their pastoral letters in their churches' newsletters. There are pastors on both sides of the issue. Our Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod voted overwhelming to ask the ELCA to not adopt the recommendations that allow active gay people to be ordained. Other synods have passed similar motions both for and against the proposal. The report of the ELCA's Human Sexuality Task Force said that there is no consensus in the ELCA about the issues of gay marriage and ordaining active homosexuals. Yet, despite a lack of consensus, the majority advocated for a change in policies; there was a dissenting minority report.

Many people see this decision as a church defining issue, and, potentially, a church unity destroying issue. ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson sent a letter to all the ELCA's pastors urging unity whichever way the decision comes out. However, previous communications from ELCA headquarters have indicated that they do expect many congregations to curtail their giving to the ELCA, and a number of congregations to even withdraw from the denomination, after the August Assembly. Motions to cut back on giving to the ELCA, and even disband the ELCA, have surfaced at some synod assemblies.

We here at The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (TGS LC) have abided by the counsel given by the ELCA Conference of Bishops in 1983. We welcome all people to worship with us and we provide pastoral care to all people, but we do not bless same-sex unions. In our congregation we have people on both sides of the issue. My perception, through my conversations with our church members, is that the majority would prefer not to change our ordination standards and to not depart from the understanding that marriage is between one man and one woman. There are, however, committed people that hold the minority viewpoint. It is interesting to note that we have had families join TGS LC partly because they perceive us to be welcoming to gays, and other families leave TGS LC precisely because either they thought we were either not welcoming enough to gays, or, conversely, too tolerant of homosexuality.

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## A Letter From the Pastor continued from Page 1

*What would a change in ELCA teaching on sexuality mean to us here at TGSLC? There would not be very much change here in terms of my pastoral ministry. What is decided in Minneapolis in August will not affect how I conduct my ministry. I promise to you to remain faithful to my ordination vows and to the gospel that was handed down to me. Over time, though, we can naturally expect changes in ELCA and synod policies, events, and educational curriculum to more and more advocate for gay and lesbian concerns. The possible financial impact on the ELCA, synods, and congregations in response to such a change could be devastating. Several TGSLC members have said to me that although they have nothing against me personally or our congregation, they simply could not in good conscience remain in the ELCA if it made such a decision; they would leave the ELCA and TGSLC. That would be a very bad thing for our congregation and I pray it does not happen.*

*I can sympathize with those who say to me, "I'm not leaving the church, the church is leaving me." I have made it known publicly for some time I have been displeased with what I see as problems in the ELCA concerning a variety of issues. The ELCA decisions on policy and practice often seem out of touch with the faith and values of the people in the pews. For instance, the ELCA Church Council staunchly rejected pleas from the Conference of Bishops, our synod and others, and even their own legal counsel to require a two-thirds majority to pass these recommendations on homosexuality. If the proposals are adopted as written, it would mean that some pastors would be recognized as pastors in some synods and some congregations but not others -- we would be a fractured denomination not even in full-communion with its self!*

*Come what may be the week of August 17<sup>th</sup>, I urge all our members to stay calm and not do anything rash. We will deal with whatever comes out of Minneapolis here in Monroeville in our way, and we will continue to do what is best for our congregation's Christian mission and ministry in our context. We are not bound to subscribe to the ELCA's Social Statements, and we do not have to allow ourselves to be defined by decisions which we have had virtually no part in making. In time, the Holy Spirit will lead us to where we ought to be and to do what we ought to do.*

*These are trying times for the church, and, from my perspective, especially perilous times for pastors such as myself that are struggling to be faithful in a very hostile and politically charged environment. I pledge to you, and to the whole church, my prayers, my hard work, and my honesty. I will remain who I am and I will do what I am called to do. And I appreciate your love, support and prayers. Let us commend everything, even this quandary, into God's hands. Somehow He will use even this for the good.*

*In Christ's service,*

**Pastor Eric**

## Who's Who in the Bible!

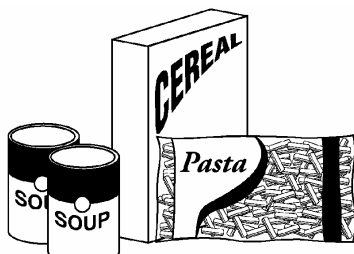


This man was virtually the "Second Father of Humankind." He gained this title because all of Adam's other descendants were destroyed more than 1,600 years after the Creation. He was the link between the very small accounts of humanity's first generations and the more detailed biographies of Israel's patriarchs that follow in Genesis.

This man discovered viniculture or the growing of grapes and the first person to make wine. This was done by a 500 years old man who, at this age, sired three sons. The world had turned so evil that God was sorry he had created mankind.

This man was steadfast in his faith, righteous and blameless and God saw that this was so... God would save only this man and his family. The rest of the world was completely obliterated and everyone else died. Though this man listened to God, his progeny did not and conflict and error returned to the world. Man never learns, does he?

The answer to **Who's Who in the Bible** can be found elsewhere in this issue.



## Food Pantry Box

**Nancy Smith** delivered **34 bags** of food to the **Cross Roads Food Pantry** on June 25th. Thank you for your continued support of donating non-perishable food items for this ministry. The Food Pantry Donation Box is now located in the hallway near the nursery.

# Young Voices

*"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity."*

1 Timothy 4:12

## Youth Quake Zone

I know that it is still more than a few months away yet, but it is time now to prepare for Youth Quake Zone! This year's event will take place January 29-31, 2010 in a hotel in Coraopolis, PA. According to Jason, we have had excellent turn-outs to this retreat in the past, and I hope that we can get a large group going again this year as well! There is a new exciting change to the format of Quake Zone this year. In the past, you have attended a "Quake" which is geared towards Middle School and Jr. High youth with Sr. High youth attending as leaders. A "Zone" event, which Pittsburgh has never hosted before, is geared toward the Sr. High crowd. This year, Pittsburgh has been selected as one of the cities to host a "Quake Zone" which combines both events. You still get to hang out in a hotel, and you still get to enjoy the same great worship and service experiences, but now your small group Bible studies will be geared towards your particular age group. (Sorry! If you have already graduated from High School, you are now considered "old" and cannot attend as a youth.) As in the past, the church will cover some, if not all, of the registration expenses, depending on how many youth are interested. The cost for this event will be \$124 per person if we register before October 21. After that, the price goes up to \$139 or even \$154 (after Nov. 11), so let's get that Early Bird discount! In addition, we can order T-shirts for \$12 each. Registration forms are in my office, and a copy will be mailed in the August edition of "The Son Times" as well. I must have the forms returned to me no later than Wednesday, October 14, so we can be sure to get the Early Bird discount!



## Synod Youth Leadership

The following email stumbled across my desk recently, and I thought that I'd share it with you:

*Dear Pastors or Youth Workers,*

*As an extension of the Youth Ministry Committee of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, Bishop's Assistant Rev. Sarah Lee-Faulkner and Rev. Erin Smith from Good Shepherd, New Castle, have been doing some brainstorming! Our goal is to create a Lutheran Youth Organization that would allow youth to participate in the wider church and plan youth events for our synod. We want to lift up the gifts and abilities of young people, give them a voice in the church, and help them to develop leadership skills.*

*The introductory meeting of LYO will be on August 9th at Holy Trinity Church in Irwin, Pennsylvania. From 3:30 - 6:30, we will meet for fellowship, supper, and brainstorming. Bishop Kurt Kusserow will lead us in Bible Study and, at 6:30, all are invited to stay for the ministerial Eucharist.*

*Please extend this invitation to youth in your congregation who exhibit leadership gifts. RSVP to Carol Ruckert in the synod office by August 4th (412- 367-8222 or [cd\\_ruckert@yahoo.com](mailto:cd_ruckert@yahoo.com)). For more information, please contact Pastor Erin Smith at 724-654-8246 or [erin.e.b.smith@gmail.com](mailto:erin.e.b.smith@gmail.com).*

I plan on attending this introductory meeting. If you are a youth who would like to get involved, please let me know by sending me an email at [heather@goodshepherdlife.org](mailto:heather@goodshepherdlife.org) by August 3. I will provide transportation to and from this meeting.

## Heather's Schedule – August 2009

My regular office hours are from 10:00 – 6:00 on Mondays, 9:00 – 5:00 Tues-Thurs.  
Other scheduled events and meetings for this month are listed below.

Sun Aug 2	8am – 9am	Worship ☞
	10:30am – 11:30am	Worship ☞
Sat Aug 8	4:30pm – 6pm	Element ☞
	6pm – 7pm	Gladsound ☞
Sun Aug 9	8am – 9am	Worship ☞
	10:30am – 11:30am	Worship ☞
	3:30pm – 7pm	Lutheran Youth Organization Planning Mtg
Mon Aug 10	7pm – 8:30pm	Thrivent Cares ☞
Sun Aug 16	8am – 9am	Worship ☞
	10:30am – 11:30am	Worship ☞
Mon Aug 17	6pm – 7pm	Hangtime ☞
	7pm – 8pm	Church Committee Meetings ☞
	8pm – 10pm	Church Council Meeting ☞
Sun Aug 23	8am – 9am	Worship ☞
	10:30am – 11:30am	Worship ☞
Sun Aug 30	8am – 9am	Worship ☞
	10:30am – 11:30am	Worship ☞

 Youth Fellowship  
*Saturday, August 8, 4:30 PM*

**element**

**WE INTERRUPT THIS SUMMER FOR A VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE: SCHOOL'S ABOUT TO START! DO NOT PANIC! AUGUST'S ELEMENT WILL HELP YOU PREPARE FOR WHATEVER LIES AHEAD.**

Element: games, music, pizza, and hangtime

### Have you been receiving your youth group mail?

We have a new monthly newsletter, “The Son Times”, and many postcards have been sent as well. Haven't been receiving these bits of mail? Want to? Send me your name and address and I will add you to the mailing list.

**Heather Runser can be reached by** Facebook: Heather Runser  
Twitter: heather-runser AIM: Hediru  
Email: [heather@goodshepherdlife.org](mailto:heather@goodshepherdlife.org) or by contacting the church office.

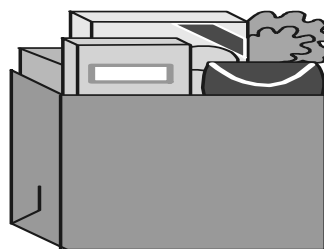
## COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE SPECIAL

The Witness Committee would like our congregation to reach out to our college bound youth. Did you know that The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church has more than 30 young people in college? If we missed anyone, please let the church office know ASAP.

### COLLEGE STUDENTS

Alberico, Hillary (Satterfield)	2011
Alberico, Rachel (Satterfield)	
Ash, Mandy	2013
Atticks, Valerie	
Custer, Carson	2010
Duggan, Emily	2012
Figel, Matt	
Hellested, Jamie	2012
Holm, Daniel	2010
Huhn, Craig	2010
Imbulm, Andrew	2012
Johnson, Karen	2013
Johnson, Sara	2011
Kapral, August	2012
Kapral, Melody	
Kreger, Alexa (Cummings)	2012
Kuehn, Brooke	2012
Kuehn, Katie	
Kuehn, Luke	2011
Kuehn, Matt	
Kuehn, Ryan	
Kuzins, Alyssa	
Lindgren, Amanda	2013
Lindgren, Daniel	2013
Lodovico, Bethany	
Rishel, Brian	2010
Rishel, Chris	2010
Satira, Adam	2013
Satira, Matthew	2010
Settino, Mitchell	
Shirer, Brittany	2013
Shirer, Chris	
Smeltz, Brittany	
Smeltz, Courtney	
Smith, Rachel	2010
Stevens, Mary Jo	

This idea will **NOT** work without **YOU** as a volunteer to help. We would like to feature a **COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK** beginning in September and continue until all 29 young people have been featured. We could have a student featured each week in the bulletin and 4 or 5 each month in the Shepherd's Staff. We'll need help from the student's parents – to give us information for our articles. The rest of the congregation can help by contributing goodies (gum, candy, snacks, cookies, etc) so we can send a **“Someone from Good Shepherd Loves You”** package to the Student of the Week. Volunteers will be needed to pack boxes. Postage will be paid for by the Witness Committee. Sign up in the narthex or see a Witness Committee Member: Jim Peterson, Donna Barr, Ruby Shifflett, Dotty Sites and Shelia Wilkinson.



## Holy Hodge-Podge

### Things Seen, Read and Heard, That May Give You Pause To Think

... Whenever I stop at church I always look down at the garden to see how things were growing. One morning there were five deer eating grass near the fence. They would chew it but look longingly on the green shoots inside the fence. So far all they can do is look. A special thanks to all the members who have worked so hard on the garden. You did a great job and God has given sun and a lot of rain to help things grow.

... Once again our VBS was a big success. The children who attended learned so much about our loving God.

... The 2009 Churchwide Assembly will be held August 17-23 in Minneapolis. Please keep all the pastors and lay voting members in your prayers as they work together making decisions that will affect Christians everywhere.

... Please read and re-read the servant list. There are jobs around our facilities that anyone can do. It's part of "Keeping God's House."

... This quote is from the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Venice, Florida. This is the church that George and Doreane Geiselhart attend when they live in Florida for the winter months.

"Say Nice Things And Learn To Listen." "God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking."

"He who guards his lips guards his soul."

Proverbs 13:3

... Enjoy the rest of Summer. Rally Day will be here before you know it.

All God's Blessings,

Jan Roth, Editor

## Random Thoughts

From emails, magazines, newspapers etc.

... When a person reads or hears the weather report, "Often you just have to rely on your intuition."

Bill Gates

... "Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed, is always to try just one more time."

Thomas Edison

... A lot of church members who are singing "Standing on the Promises" are just sitting on the premises.

... If God is your co-pilot - swap seats.

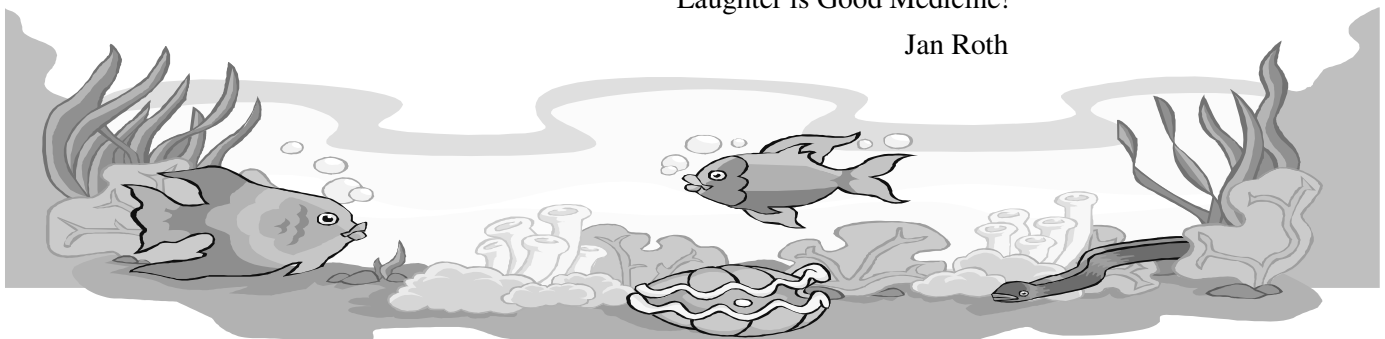
... We don't change the message, the message changes us.

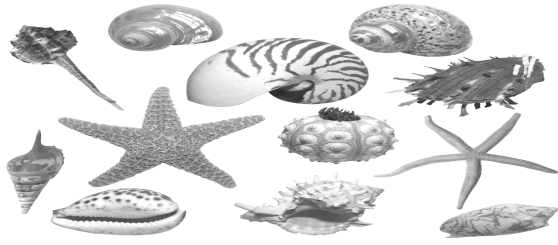
... My friend, Bill Erzen, told me that anyone who says "Laughter is the best medicine" has never had a broken rib.

... A 4-year-old neighbor's grandchild was watching a woman walking her 80lb. English Bull dog. Suddenly the boy yelled, 'Mrs., I think your dog is leaking. You better take him to the doctor.'

Laughter is Good Medicine!

Jan Roth





## Directories Are Here!

Would you believe there are changes to be made already. There are places in the back of the new directory for you to add our new members' names. There are also 4 names to be taken out of the directory. Please remove the names: **Kathy Kennedy, Charles Silvio Jr., Erma Schwartzmiller and Robert Slack.**

Add these new members:

**Lauren Bayack and Jason Thompson**  
730 Providence Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15239  
(724) 713-3687 and (412) 721-9381

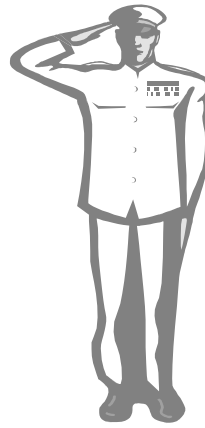
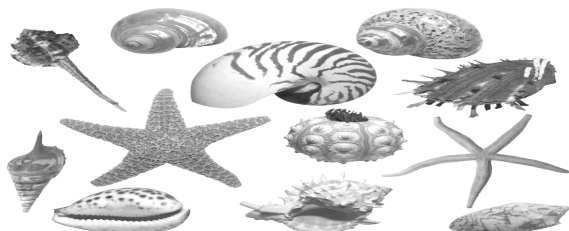
**Rebecca Smith and Jim Naser**  
641 Garden City Drive  
Monroeville, PA 15146  
(412) 656-4674 and (724) 261- 7726

**Michelle and Scott Ritenbaug**  
453 Hershey Road #1  
Pittsburgh, PA 15235  
(412) 704-5018

**Marlene and Walter (Bud) Limbacher**  
130 McDermott Road  
Trafford, PA 15085  
(412) 646-1306

**David and Amy Perl**  
149 Cliffside Drive Apt D  
Monroeville, PA 15146  
(412) 576-2758

**Hank Heil**  
6362 Old William Penn Highway, #724  
Monroeville, PA 15146  
(724) 468-1833



## Letters to Service People

Keep in touch with members of our congregation who are serving in the Armed Forces by sending them a note of encouragement. If you have a loved one serving in the Armed Forces please share with us their address to publish in the newsletter and bulletin.

Christopher Beatty  
777 EAS  
APO AE 09315

## Who's Who in the Bible!

The answer to this month's **Who's Who in the Bible** is: **Noah**



## Calendar of Causes

August 2009

### Where do the children you know go after school?

Thankfully, St. Afterschool offers a safe place (*many of the eleven sites in the Pittsburgh area are in churches*) with adult supervision for hundreds of children who would otherwise not have a safe or stimulating after school environment. The after school program for elementary aged children is focused on academic enhancement and help with homework, social, recreational and emotional growth as well as providing a nutritional snack and a hot family style dinner. Your gift (*appropriately marked and placed in a green envelope*) will help St. Afterschool volunteers to serve as the arms of Christ as they embrace and nurture children in need.

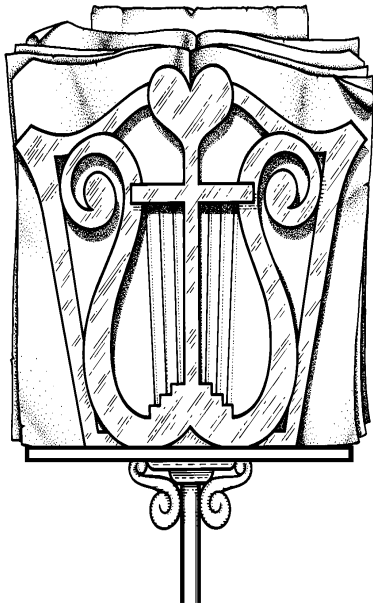
## Lost and Found

There is a medium man's black leather jacket hanging in the library area.

Label – **M Julian**

There are two jewelry items in the lost and found box in the narthax. Kessar's watch with bracelet type band. This was found on the window sill outside the Secretary's office. Also one skull and cross bones earring.





Sing psalms and hymns  
and spiritual songs  
with thankfulness  
in your hearts to God.  
Colossians 3:16

## SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE

The Chancel Choir serves us well from September through May each year. They need time to relax and rejuvenate. For the summer, please consider volunteering your musical talent in praise of God. Vocalists or instrumentalists are encouraged to participate. I will help in any way that I can. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the library. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Please offer your talents to God in this special ministry.

Doug Duca  
Director of Music Ministries



Email is a great way to communicate. It's extremely convenient because I can read it or send any it any time of the day or night (and I tend to work on the computer most late at night or in the early morning hours). Also, email messages don't get lost or forgotten too often because they stay right there on the computer. However, every once in a great while my "spam filter" strains out something legitimate. When that happens, and it's rare, I might see whatever you sent me late if I see it at all. If you email me something that requires a response and I don't respond in a reasonable amount of time, please try again or phone me or contact me some other way. Your messages are important and I don't want to miss them. Thank you.

Pastor Ash

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY AT THE GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

The ministry of Word and sacrament is foundational to our faith. For this reason the church provides opportunities for those who are homebound or otherwise unable to attend worship to hear the Word and receive the sacrament on a regular basis. Recently several members of our congregation received training as Eucharistic Ministers. These Eucharistic Ministers will be visiting members of our congregation, to share Holy Communion and pray with them, as a supplement to, not a replacement of, the pastor's ministry of pastoral visitation.

A typical visit will include prayer, scripture reading, Holy Communion, and conversation. The Communion elements the Eucharistic Ministers will be distributing will have been previously consecrated by the pastor at a worship service of the church. In our denomination the laity do not normally consecrate Holy Communion, but there is a long tradition of lay people taking Holy Communion to the sick and homebound as an extension of the church's liturgy. All of our Eucharistic Ministers are faithful, friendly people selected from the congregational leadership and are trained for this ministry.

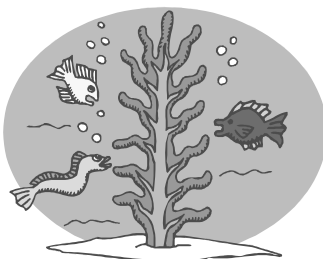
If you know someone who would like to be visited by a Eucharistic Minister, please let the pastor or church office know.



## LIFE STAGE GIFTS

The Thrivent Cares Group would like to begin a program called Life Stage Gifts. They would like to send a card and small gift to people who have special birthdays or anniversaries coming up. Birthdays would be those ages 75,80,85 etc. and anniversaries would be 50th and over. If you would like to participate in this program, please fill out the small form below and put it in Rose Shirer's mailbox or send to the church office. Thank you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_





## Homebound Members Birthdays

**Sophie Baranuk**

Arden Court  
120 Wyngate  
Monroeville, PA 15146  
**Birthdate:** 09/01

**Joanna Fest**

c/o Paul Fest  
934 Harvard Road  
Monroeville, PA 15146  
**Birthdate:** 05/01

**Lois Fleming**

317 Wellness Way  
Strabane Trail Village  
Washington, PA 15301  
**Phone:** 724-229-8121  
**Birthdate:** 10/18

**Edna Lee**

The Cedars Room 233  
4363 Northern Pike  
Monroeville, PA 15146  
**Phone:** 412-373-3900  
**Birthdate:** 07/30

**James Litzinger**

118 Kelvington Drive  
Monroeville, PA 15146  
**Phone:** 412-372-2280  
**Birthday:** 07/16

**Edna Nield**

Beatty Point Room 232  
700 Beatty Road  
Monroeville, PA 15146  
**Phone:** 412-373-3702  
**Birthday:** 11/26

## THE GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

### CHURCH FAMILY SUNDAY

**AUGUST 30, 2009 AT 9:30 AM**

#### **One Service of Holy Communion for the Whole Congregation**

On the fifth Sunday of August we will have only one worship service that day so that our members, especially those who usually attend either the later or earlier service, may be all together to meet and greet one another, and share in worship and fellowship.

#### **Including a Special Musical Premiere Presentation of**

***“Are We Too Busy?”* by composer Bob Regan**

**Featuring Doug Duca on Vocals and Organ,  
and a Dramatic Reading by Dariusz Poniatowski**

Refreshments will follow worship in the church library

# Serving the month of August...



Acolytes 8:00 am	Acolytes 10:30 am	Altar Guild	Greeters 8:00 am	Greeters 10:30 am	Ushers
<p><b>08/02</b> Collin Berdis</p> <p><b>08/09</b> Anna Marie Kun</p> <p><b>08/16</b> Matt Molnar-Strejcek</p> <p><b>08/23</b> Altin Molnar-Strejcek</p> <p><b>08/30</b> Mason Settino</p>	<p><b>08/02</b> Amber Hellested</p> <p><b>08/09</b> Connie McClain</p> <p><b>08/16</b> Katie Greggerson</p> <p><b>08/23</b> Ryan Satira</p> <p><b>08/30</b> Connie McClain</p>	<p><b>8:00 am</b> Charlene Wentzel</p> <p><b>10:30 am</b> Melanie Ash Irene Anderson</p> <div data-bbox="561 856 774 919" style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><b>Counters</b></div> <p>Nancy Smith Elsie Weber</p>	<p><b>08/02</b> George &amp; Doreane Geiselhart</p> <p><b>08/09</b> Agnes Sauers</p> <p><b>08/16</b> Jerry and Barbara Hooverman</p> <p><b>08/23</b> John &amp; Donna Whitlam</p> <p><b>08/30</b> Mary Pasko</p>	<p><b>08/02</b> TBA</p> <p><b>08/09</b> TBA</p> <p><b>08/16</b> TBA</p> <p><b>08/23</b> TBA</p> <p><b>08/30</b> TBA</p>	<p><b>8:00 am</b> Paul Jagdmann John Lowe Patricia Lowe</p> <p><b>10:30 am</b> Mark Holm Peter Holm Daniel Holm</p>
<p>* TBA = To Be Announced</p>					

## THE CARING TREE

The Caring Tree is a means by which members of The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church share news of important congregational events, such as funerals, with one another via a telephone chain. It also is on occasion a means of providing care within our congregation, for instance, in the form of volunteers delivering meals to someone who is recuperating from illness. This need seems to only occur every few years. We would like to have two co-coordinators for this ministry. Adrienne McCurry has volunteered to be one. If you would like more information about being the other, please contact Pastor Ash. We are also updating our contact information. Please complete and return the form below to be included.

Please check all that apply.

Yes, please call me when there are funerals, special congregational meetings, etc., scheduled.

Yes, I would be willing to call others and share information with them.

Yes, I could be available to prepare and deliver a meal to someone in need.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
						<b>1</b> 10am OA 3/LR
<b>2</b> 8am Worship 10:30am Worship	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 1pm Parkinsons FH 5pm Quilting Friends 3/LR	<b>5</b> 7pm Recovery 3/LR	<b>6</b> 9am Porcelain Artists PH 12:30pm Cluster 3/LR 7pm DACC 3/LR	<b>7</b> 6pm Buhot/Runquist Rehearsal S 7pm Al-Anon 3/LR	<b>8</b> 10am OA 3/LR 3pm Bohot/Runquist Wedding S 4:30pm Element 6pm Gladsound 7pm Franklin Squares FH
<b>9</b> 8am Worship 10:30am Worship 2pm Pew Communion	<b>10</b> 6pm Aglow PH 7pm Western PA Square & Round Dance Federation 3/LR	<b>11</b> 1pm Parkinsons FH 7pm ASG 3/LR	<b>12</b> 10:30 am UP Garden Club 3/LR 7pm Recovery 3/LR	<b>13</b> 12:30pm Cluster PH 7pm DACC 3/LR	<b>14</b> 10am Sofia's Friends N 7pm Al-Anon 3/LR	<b>15</b> 9am Synod Health Ministry FH 10am OA 3/LR
<b>16</b> 8am Worship 10:30am Worship	<b>17</b> 6pm Hangtime	<b>18</b> 1pm Parkinsons FH	<b>19</b> 7pm Recovery 3/LR	<b>20</b> 12:30pm Cluster PH 7pm DACC 3/LR	<b>21</b> 7pm Al-Anon 3/LR	<b>22</b> 10am OA 3/LR 7pm Franklin Squares FH
<b>23</b> 8am Worship 10:30am Worship	<b>24</b> 7pm Church Committee Meeting 3/LR 8pm Church Council Meeting 3/LR	<b>25</b> 1pm Parkinsons FH	<b>26</b> 7pm Recovery 3/LR 7pm Pgh East Knitting PH	<b>27</b> 12:30pm Cluster PH 7pm DACC 3/LR	<b>28</b> 10am Sofia's Friends N 7pm Al-Anon 3/LR 7pm Westmoreland Civil War PH	<b>29</b> 10am OA 3/LR
<b>30</b> 9:30am Church Family Sunday Worship	<b>31</b>	<p><b>Notes:</b></p> <p><b>3/LR - Room 3/Luther Room</b></p> <p><b>FH - Fellowship Hall</b></p> <p><b>N - Nursery</b></p> <p><b>PH - Parish House</b></p> <p><b>S - Sanctuary</b></p>				

# Good Shepherd Prayer Concerns

**Service Men & Women:**

Bill Davey, Joey Gross, Keith Humes, DJ Price,  
Eric Bently, Christopher Beatty (US Air Force)

**Births:****Recently Married:****Known to be hospitalized this week:****For Healing:**

Geraldine Malmberg, Lisa Calderone, Lian Ottavan,  
Amanda Conte, Greg Schmidt, Angela Graziano,  
Dan Driscoll, Chuck O'Neill, Joyce Chesbrough

**Recently Deceased:**

Erma Schwartzmiller, Ian Leif Plowes, Mary Hillwig

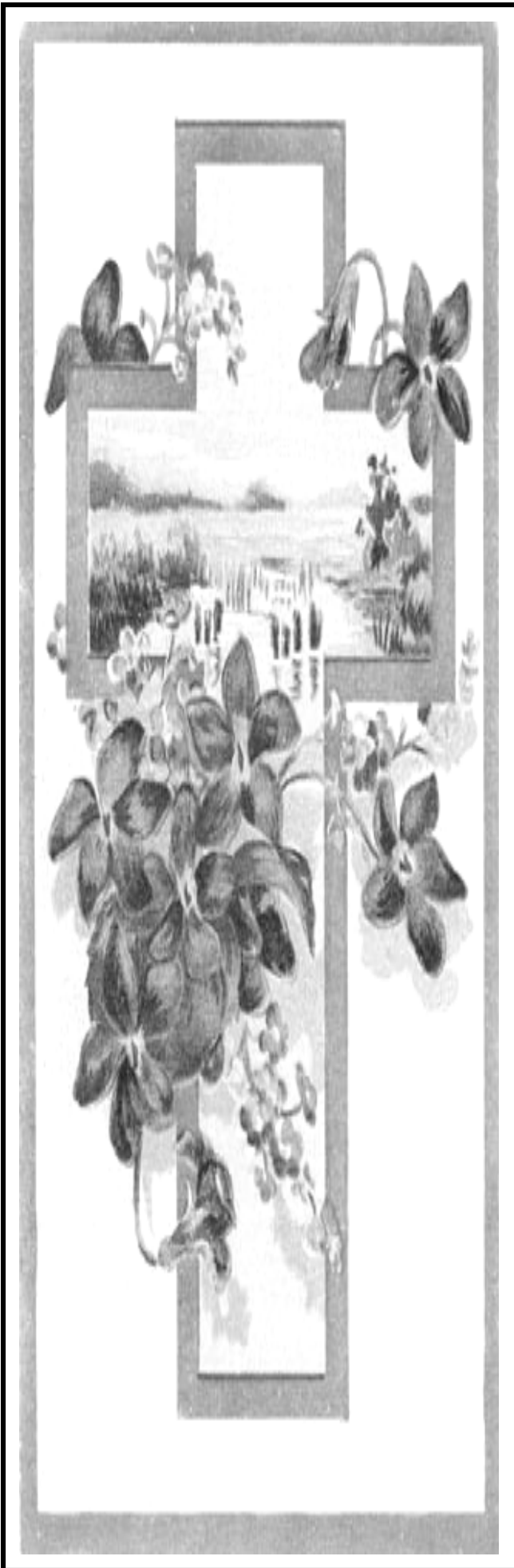
**Continuing Concerns:**

Jayne Kuhn, Tom Napfel, Joan Bradshaw,  
Robert Coddington, Sr, Robert Coddington, Jr.,  
Katie Sechrist, Joye Hickman, Jaina Sapp,  
Carson Ruddick, Frank O'Connor, Christina Frank,  
Jen Applegate, Lorri Nixon, Michael Lucas, Esther Saul,  
Christine Wadding, Kristy Garcia, Cathy Etzel

**We Also Remember Our Homebound Members:**

Sophie Baranuk, Joanna Fest, Edna Lee, Edna Neild,  
Nancy Gardner, Wayne Scheutz, Merle Baron,  
Clyde Hillwig, Laura Sommer, Jim Litzinger

**If you would like a name placed on the prayer list,  
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or contact the church office.**





## August Birthdays

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| <b>08/01</b> Pastor Eric Ash, Sr.<br>Christopher Shirer<br>Ashley Elizeus   | <b>08/17</b> Mackenzie Gerhart   |
| <b>08/02</b> Wilson Hickman<br>Jeffrey Mueller  | <b>08/19</b> Elsie Weber<br>Gilbert Thomas<br>Anna Marie Kun<br>Ryan Cummings  |
| <b>08/03</b> Kathleen Musser<br>Jan Roth<br>Goergianna Wiesner<br>Nicholas Figel<br>Douglas Palermo<br>Gavin Tost | <b>08/21</b> Gloria Anderson<br>Delaney Gerhart<br>Jocelyn Garcia  |
| <b>08/04</b> Carli Ramchandran  | <b>08/23</b> Laura Mauser  |
| <b>08/05</b> Amanda McFall<br>Kevin Yutz  | <b>08/25</b> Adrienne McCurry<br>James Atticks<br>Cheryll Atticks<br>Rhonda Hellested<br>Leigh Wentzel<br>Alexander Turowski |
| <b>08/07</b> Christopher Molnar   | <b>08/26</b> Joyce Patterson<br>Jamie Krieger<br>Marisa Caracciolo<br>Luke Kuehn   |
| <b>08/08</b> Joseph Elliott   | <b>08/27</b> Jennifer Kearney  |
| <b>08/09</b> Leigh Pogue<br>Melanie Hillwig   | <b>08/28</b> Michelle Huhn<br>Amy Kuzins   |
| <b>08/11</b> James Peterson<br>Darla Hredzak  | <b>08/29</b> Frank Miller, Sr.<br>Christopher Murphy<br>Peter Wilton<br>Amy Tassone  |
| <b>08/13</b> William Hodgson<br>Judith Aker<br>Mark Stravers<br>Alyssa Kuzins<br>Natalie McAllister               | <b>08/31</b> Grace Greene<br>Christian Alberico<br>Nicholas Cotton<br>Deven Ramchandran                                      |
| <b>08/14</b> Kristen Eifert   |  |
| <b>08/15</b> Tarah Kurimsky   |  |
| <b>08/16</b> Mark Kuehn<br>Amanda Winnor  |  |

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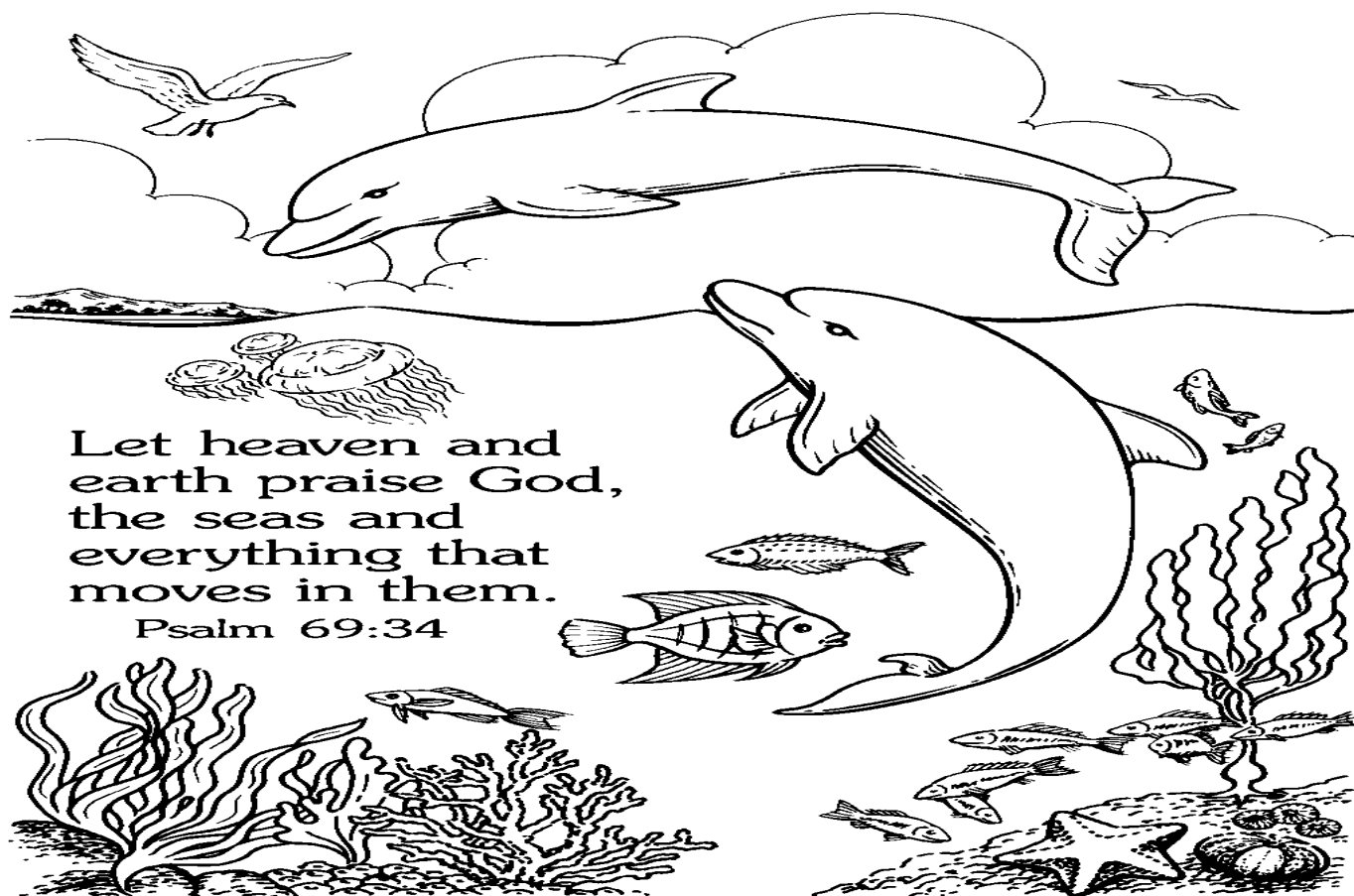
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Let heaven and  
earth praise God,  
the seas and  
everything that  
moves in them.

Psalm 69:34