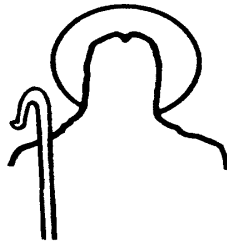


October 2009



The Shepherd's Staff

The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

4503 Old William Penn Highway

Monroeville, PA 15146

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Worship Services

Sunday Worship 8:00/10:30 AM

GladSound 6:00 PM

Saturday, October 10th

Pew Communion 2:00 PM

Sunday, October 11th

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

Heather Runser, Lay Parish

Worker

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Cathy Holm, Mutual Ministry*

*Non-Council Members

A Letter From the Pastor...

Dear Friends in Christ,

When I was in elementary school, way back in the 1960s, I had two excellent teachers: Mr. Purnell and Miss Nicholson. The term 1960s is almost always preceded by the adjective "turbulent," and they were turbulent times. It was the era of the Kennedy and King assassinations, the Vietnam War protests, the Civil Rights Movement, the Hippie subculture, and so much more. Mr. Purnell and Miss Nicholson encouraged their students to question authority; they taught us to be leaders, not followers, and to stand up for our beliefs. Their instructions were not intended to make us flippant, disrespectful, or nihilists, but to make us thoughtful, independent, and skeptical of the *status quo* in a healthy way. What they taught stuck with me. I constantly have to question all the answers. I am frequently like the boy in the fable who has to tell the Emperor he has no clothes.

Martin Luther was that way too, I imagine. Back in the 16th century, when the church was drifting away from the gospel of God's free, unmerited grace, he had to call it back to its center. When the bishops and councils could not see the truth he saw and called on Luther to recant, he defied them and kept right on doing what God called him to do. The Lutheran Church then, we might say, was born in turbulent times; it grew out of a protest movement. One of the traditional Lutheran slogans is *semper reformanda*, which means "always reforming." We believe the church is never perfect; we can never "rest on our laurels." The church is in constant need of correction and reform.

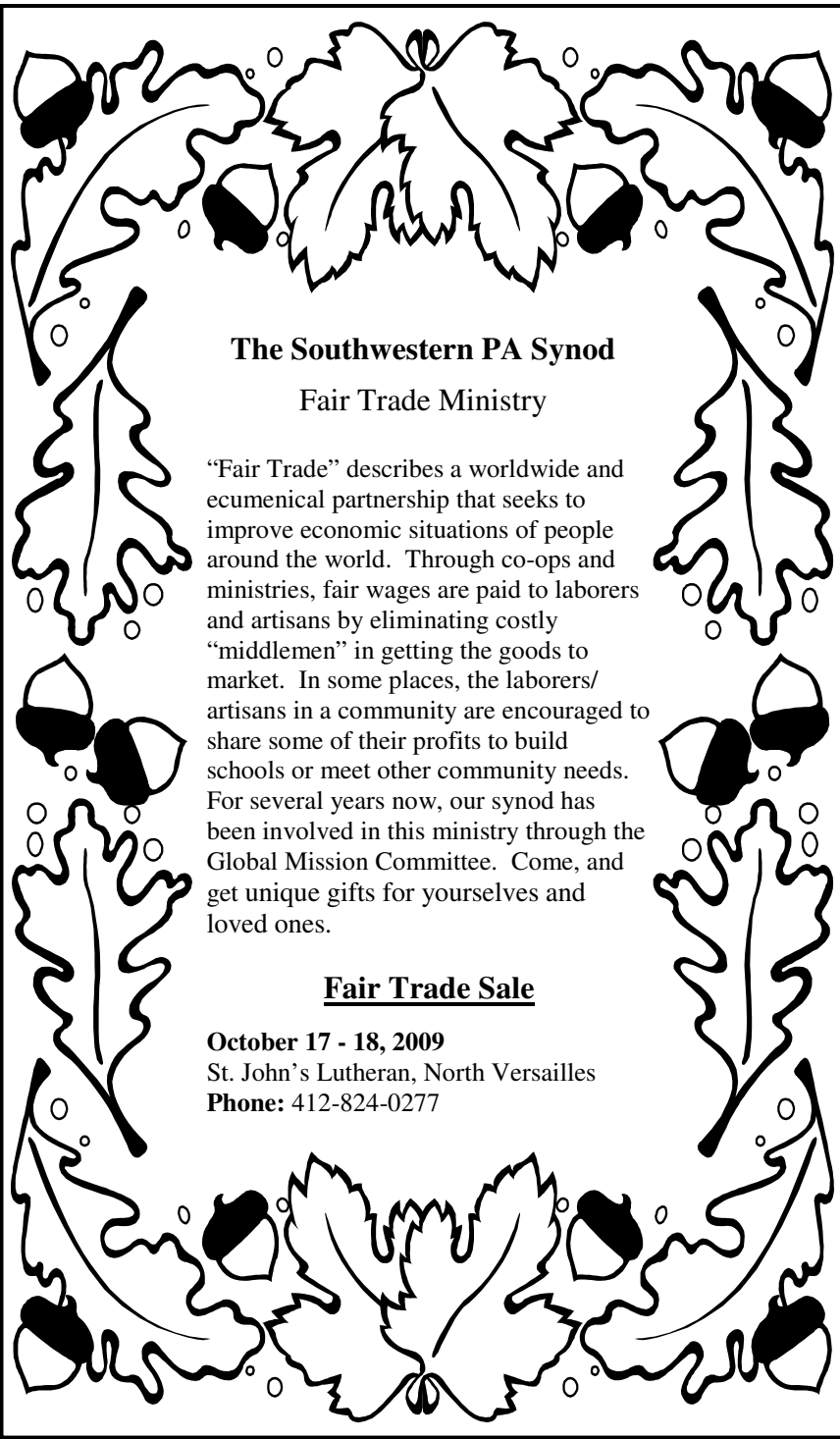
We are living in a time every bit as turbulent and peril filled as the 1960s or Luther's 16th century. There is much going on in the life of the larger Lutheran church that needs reform. I have dedicated myself to concentrate on tending to our parish and putting my extra-parish efforts into groups that seek to reform the Lutheran church such as Lutheran CORE. (I will be attending their Convocation/Constituting Convention in late September.) In that way I strive to be faithful to you and to my calling as a minister of Word and sacrament. I appreciate your love and support, and most of all your prayers. And please know that I love this parish and pray for you all.

I urge you to also pray ardently for your church. Pray, as Luther prayed, that God might "keep us steadfast in His Word." Pray that "the wicked one may have no power over us." And pray that we might never be afraid to question the authority of human beings, but that we may trust in God alone.

In the name of Christ, whose servant I am.

Pastor Eric Ash





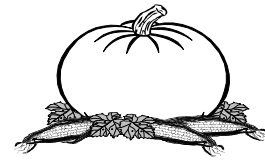
The Southwestern PA Synod
Fair Trade Ministry

“Fair Trade” describes a worldwide and ecumenical partnership that seeks to improve economic situations of people around the world. Through co-ops and ministries, fair wages are paid to laborers and artisans by eliminating costly “middlemen” in getting the goods to market. In some places, the laborers/ artisans in a community are encouraged to share some of their profits to build schools or meet other community needs. For several years now, our synod has been involved in this ministry through the Global Mission Committee. Come, and get unique gifts for yourselves and loved ones.

Fair Trade Sale

October 17 - 18, 2009
 St. John’s Lutheran, North Versailles
Phone: 412-824-0277

Healthy, Wealthy & Wise



Well, Ok, I know that a lot of us have health problems. Our prayer list for the sick is lengthy enough without considering all of us who are not on it - but that’s just because we don’t say much, we more or less suffer in silence.

But wealthy? I guess that’s subject to definition. If you still have a roof over your head, and if it’s likely to stay in place - that’s good. If you aren’t going hungry and in fact have a little excess avoirdupois - you’re eating well - if not good.

And we are all wise! We are wise enough to remain in the fold of Jesus Christ, sheep of his flock, servants of his teaching.

And we are wise enough to know that the world is full of people who have greater health problems than we do. These are the people to whom health care for even the simplest of injuries and ailments is virtually non-existent. There are no doctors, no hospitals, no way to get there if there were. There is not even the little things we all stock at home, in our cars, in offices and public places; no band-aids, no clean cloth strips, no antiseptic, not even soap with which to bathe away the dirt and debris of injuries.

And we are wise enough to do our part - to bring our healthy selves to church carrying supplies to send to these needy persons. Our wealth is sufficient to bring our offerings of all these articles and package them and send them where they will do much good.

At the same time, we bring a dish to share with our brothers and sisters in Christ, so that our fellowship together will strengthen our bond and nourish us in growing stronger in the service of Our Lord.

At a date to be announced (watch for date in Bulletins), please join us in the aptly named Fellowship Hall to assemble the health kits as we have done for many years, and to sit and eat and talk and join in love for one another as the family of the Good Shepherd.

We will be amassing the following items in a collection box in the Narthex during the Sundays in September.

- Hand towels** - Dark Colored
- Wash cloths** - Dark Colored
- Bars of bath soap** - In Original Package
- Adult toothbrush**
- Wide toothed combs**
- Metal nail file or nail clippers with file**
- Band aid preferred 1/2” to 3/4” in size**

Please get your items in early. The deadline for items will be announced (watch for date in Bulletins). Please bring your covered dish and join your congregation in this wise and healthy endeavor.

The Service Committee

Attention Married Couples!

Have you signed up for your Fall Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend? The Weekend is designed to enrich ALL MARRIAGES and is scheduled for: **October 16-18 at the Radisson Hotel in Sharon, PA**, just an hour north of Pittsburgh. The weekend runs from Friday night at 8 PM to Sunday at 5 PM; and all costs for 2 nights lodging, meals for the weekend, and all supplies are covered by a \$45.00 per couple registration fee plus a confidential contribution of whatever amount you choose to make toward the end of the weekend. Registrations are limited, so sign up today. Simply go to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and register using your credit card, or for questions or if you would like a brochure with a registration form mailed to you, please contact Fred & Julie Schamber, Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter at 724-325-3166 or email: fjschamber@comcast.net.



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*

Just a Note from Heather

I enjoyed meeting so many of the youth over the summer and at our lock-in last month! I really think that we will all get along just fine. Plans for fall are underway, though at the time that I write this, exact dates have not been set yet. I anticipate something with a Halloween theme coming up this month, a service project in November, and a Christmas party in December. Details for each event will be found in upcoming issues of “The Son Times”, on the “Youth Events” bulletin board, and on Facebook. I look forward to all of our events coming up together!

Youth Ministries Team

Are you an adult who wants to make an impact on the youth of our congregation and community? Are you a parent who wants to be more involved in your son/daughter’s activities in the church? Are you an adult or recent youth group alumni who is just bursting with ideas for youth ministry? If you answered yes to any of these questions, we need you! The Christian Education committee just approved the creation of a Youth Ministries team that will work together to create, plan, and lead programs for our Youth Group. If you have a heart for the young people of our congregation, this is the place for you to serve! A very brief informational meeting will take place on Sunday, October 4, immediately following the second service in the new parlor. If you would like to be a part of this Youth Ministries Team and cannot make this meeting, please send Heather an email at heather@goodshepherdlife.org.

Coming Up this Month...

Hangtime

Location TBA

Monday, October 19, at 6:00 PM



element

Youth Fellowship

Close Encounters

October 10, 2009 at 4:30 PM

Element: games, music, pizza, and hangtime



Saturday, October 10, 2009
at 6:00 PM

gladsound

Have you seen the “Youth Events” bulletin board?

In case you haven't noticed, the Thrivent committee very nicely bought every committee in the church a colorful bulletin board. There's also an extra board for “Youth Events”, located directly across from the main office. Be sure to check the board often for updates and mid-month announcements. Also, don't forget to pick up extra copies of forms and newsletters in my office. Thank you, Thrivent, for the board!

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 gladly add you to the mailing list. Interested adults may receive these mailings as well!

Heather Runser can be reached by

Facebook: Heather Runser

Twitter: heather-runser

AIM: Hediru

Email: heather@goodshepherdlife.org or by contacting the church office.



Last Chance to Sign-Up for Youth Quake Zone 2010!

Attention all youth in grades 7-12: don't forget to register for Youth Quake Zone 2010! Again, the dates will be Jan. 29-31, 2010 in a hotel in Coraopolis, PA. A registration form for the event is below, and a medical release form is on the back of this page. **I must have both of the forms returned to me no later than Wednesday, October 14**, so we can be sure to get the Early Bird discount. As always, the church will cover at least some of the cost of registration for you. However, if you want a T-shirt for \$12, that's up to you. Let's get a large group going again! For more information, visit www.youthencounter.org.



Youth Quake Zone 2010



Good Shepherd Registration Form

Name of Youth Attending _____

Grade _____

Name of Youth Attending _____

Grade _____

I/We have submitted a Medical Information form for each attendee.

T-Shirts (Optional): Shirts are \$12 each. Please make checks payable to The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Co-Ed Shirts: Enter the number of shirts desired for each size

____ S + ____ M + ____ L + ____ XL + ____ XXL = ____ Co-Ed Shirts

Female Cut Shirts: Enter the number of shirts desired for each size

____ S + ____ M + ____ L + ____ XL = ____ Female Cut Shirts

____ Co-Ed Shirts + ____ Female Cut Shirts x\$12 = ____ Total Amount Owed

Required for All Youth Participants:

I hereby permit my son/daughter, _____, to attend Youth Quake Zone 2010 with the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Youth Group.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

Forms are due back to Heather by October 14!

Questions? Visit www.youthencounter.org or email Heather at heather@goodshepherdlife.org

Emergency Contact and Medical Information Form

Here at Good Shepherd, we strive to make our activities fun, inspirational, and most importantly, safe. However, accidents can happen, and we want to make sure that everyone is taken care of in case of an emergency. Parents, please fill out the following form for your son or daughter. It will be kept on file and will only need to be updated in the future. Thanks!

Church of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Emergency Contact and Medical Information Form - Minor

Youth's Name _____ Birth Date _____

Address _____

Parent/Legal Guardian _____ Home Number: _____

Cell Number _____ Work Number _____

Address _____

Emergency Contact Other Than Parent _____

Phone Number(s) _____

Please list anyone who is NOT authorized to pick up your child: _____

Physician Name _____ Contact Number _____

Health Insurance Provider _____

Policy Number _____

Name of Insured _____

Parent/Guardian: Please check the following boxes and then sign the bottom of this form in order for us to have written consent for medical care.

Yes No Emergency Medical Care

Administration of Prescription Medications Administration of Non-Prescription Medications

Please list any health concerns or special disabilities that we would need to be aware of:

Please list any allergies (food or other) and the reaction that would occur:

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date



Our **COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK** project is off to a roaring start. Donations have been great. **THANK YOU !!!!** There will be a new list each month as different students like different goodies. Please keep checking the list. We empty the box frequently and have stored the food in a mouse proof area. There have been several cash donations. These will be used for the project too, but we had to give up the itunes gift card idea as the expense was too great. **THERE ARE SEVERAL FAMILIES WHO DID NOT YET RETURN THE FORMS. PLEASE HELP US LOVE YOUR COLLEGE STUDENT.**

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 36 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: Donna Barr, Ruby Shifflett, Dotty Sites and Shelia Wilkinson.

College Students

Alberico, Hillary (Satterfield)	2011
Alberico, Rachel (Satterfield)	
Ash, Mandy	2013
Atticks, Valerie	
Custer, Carson	2010
Duggan, Brian	
Duggan, Emily	2012
Edwards, John	2010
Edwards, Julie	2010
Geiselhart, Eric	2013
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, Luke	2011
Kuehn, Matt	
Kuzins, Alaina	
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
Smeltz, Brittany	
Smeltz, Courtney	
Smith, Rachel	2010
Stevens, Johanna	



College Students For The Month Of October

The Witness Committee discovered an interesting fact while compiling and updating the list of college students. If we hear from all the families, we will be presenting FOUR sets of twins. Watch for the names and find the twins.

Katie Kuehn already graduated from the UPMC Shadyside School of Nursing with honors and is working as an RN at McKeesport Hospital. WAY TO GO KATIE.

Alexa Kreger will be at Penn State majoring in Secondary Education with Math as a major and Special Education as a minor. She'll be at the New Kensington campus this Fall going to main campus in 2010. Alexa has an interest in tennis. She has held several positions including front desk check-in, bartender, and assistant manager at a nightclub.

Brian Duggan will be attending CCAC with a major in Music. Brian especially enjoys percussion. His jobs have included working at Chick-Fil-A and being a member of the Penn Trafford marching band. He has also played drums at church for Bible school and Gladsound services for several years.

Emily Duggan will be attending West Penn Hospital School of Nursing. Emily loves to go shopping and hang out with her friends. Her jobs have included babysitting and a summer externship at Forbes Hospital in the Labor and Delivery Unit. At Gateway High School Emily was involved with student government. She was also Senior Class vice-president and voted "easiest to talk to" by her classmates.

Julie Edwards is at Kent State majoring in interior design with a minor in marketing. Julie enjoys outdoor activities like camping, canoeing, whitewater rafting and biking. Reading and baking are also her hobbies. She was on the Venture Crew of BSA Troop 184. In the summer Julie worked at Phil's pharmacy. She is a Dean's List student, studied in Florence, Italy and also traveled to Spain, Ireland, Holland, and Canary Islands.

John Edwards is a Dean's List student and Senior at Penn State with a major in supply chain and information systems and a minor in marketing. His outdoor interests include golfing, softball, hunting, and fishing. Close behind are bowling and video games. He belongs to the PSU Marketing and Alumni Association. John worked as a caddy at Oakmont Country Club. He is a huge fan of the Penguins, Steelers and PSU sports.

Hint: First set of twins in this month.

Holy Hodge-Podge ... Things Seen, Read And Heard That May Give You Pause To Think.

Seen and Heard ... The “Easter” Sunday-filled sanctuary on August 30th which the Worship Committee called “Church Family Sunday.” Wasn’t it fun to see so many old (in terms of length of membership, please) and new members fill the pews? And to hear Dariusz Poniatowski’s thought-provoking reading and organist Doug Duca’s beautiful singing? Take Time ... was the message.

It was good to see Pastor Eric back in the pulpit and to hear God’s word. The reception afterwards was wonderful. Under Kit Kratzenberg’s direction the room looked great and the cookies and cakes overflowed the tables, more than enough to fill a bakery. The kitchen was as busy as a beehive of workers, thanks to all.

What I was glad to hear was the news that so many new members have volunteered to teach, sing and be on committees. We’re so glad to have you.

And did you notice the newly painted doors on the cabinets in the Fellowship Hall. Though we’re all pleased with the renovation of offices and bathrooms in the front of our building, please watch what members and “Thrivent Cares” are doing to improve and beautify the hallways, library etc. There’s still a lot of things to be done, inside and out, so please volunteer a few hours of your time to help.

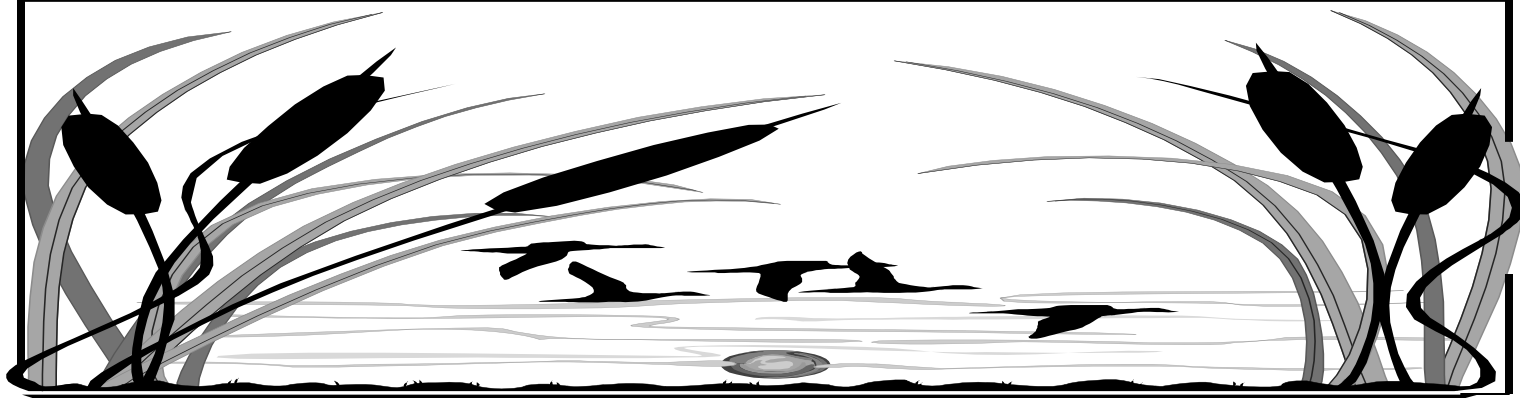
... Writing this just before Labor Day, all of us look forward to Rally Day, TGSLC’s “New Year’s Day.” Soon the halls will be filled with our many youngsters - glad to see friends and teachers eager to learn about God’s word and Jesus’ love for all.

... Already stores are filled with Halloween candy and decorations and I’ve even seen cards for Thanksgiving, can Christmas be far behind? Talking about Christmas with friends it was suggested that instead of sending cards to everyone, how about sending one card addressed to the whole congregation and hanging it on a bulletin board in the hallway? Wish your friends in the congregation a Blessed Christmas in person. Just a thought.

... Finally, yes, we’re all busy, but let’s take TIME to hear God’s Word and to evangelize and to comfort the sick and lonely and to feel God’s heart and seek His presence every minute, hour and day in our lives.

All God’s Blessings,

Jan Roth



Who’s Who In The Bible?

What Do These Names Have In Common?

Martha, Rebecca, Paul, Judith, Anna, Andrew, Lydia, Jason, Isaac, Thomas, David, Jacob, Michael, John, Joanna, Joseph, Nicholas, Luke, Lois, Matthew, James, Rachel, Esther, Noah, Ruth, Stephen, Elizabeth, Daniel, Abigail, Samuel, Peter, Deborah, Aaron, Mark, Sarah, Alexander and Mary.

(Answer elsewhere in this issue.)

LEAF

through the fall colors!

Random Thoughts - Rambling Musings

... A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past with a Dalmation dog sitting on the front seat. The children began discussing the dog's duties. "They use them to keep crowds back," said one. "No," said another, "He's just for good luck." A third closed the argument. "They use the dogs to find the fire hydrants," she said firmly.

... She was in the bathroom putting her makeup on, under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter, as she had done many times before and started to leave. The little one cried out, "But Gramma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I'll probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye...

...Rules to Consider:

- Going to church doesn't make you a Christian anymore than standing in a garage makes you a car.
- Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.
- Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.
- Never lick a steak knife.
- The most destructive forces in the world are "gossip" and the media.

'nuff rambling at random,

Jan

October Calendar of Caring

Lutheran Ministry with the aged Lutheran SeniorLife

"Abundant Life™" Capital Campaign

St. John Specialty Care Center provides the highest level of compassionate care and is home to more than 300 residents, and operates at greater than 95 percent occupancy.

There is a tradition of leadership and innovation at St. John in the care of residents with dementia. The Alzheimer's care program is one of the largest and most respected centers in Western Pennsylvania. Four distinct levels of care enable the staff to provide care and treatment at the level most appropriate for each person.

Building for the future, Lutheran SeniorLife will strengthen its innovative and successful program at St. John for persons with dementia by building an assisted living facility with 30 private bedrooms and bathrooms.

The estimated cost for the 24,000 square foot Assisted Living Alzheimer's Care Center is \$5,184,000.

Please use the green envelopes for your offering and clearly mark them **Lutheran SeniorLife**.

Who's Who in the Bible!



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

They are names in the Bible and members past and present from our congregation.

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

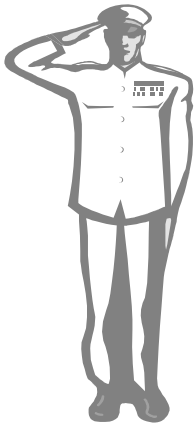
The Cedars Room 233
4363 Northern Pike
Monroeville, PA 15146
Phone: 412-373-3900
Birthdate: 07/30

James Litzinger

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

Edna Nield

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



Letters to Service People

Keep in touch with members and friends of our congregation who are serving in the Armed Forces by sending them a note of encouragement.

Amy Turowski's nephew:

RYAN GRIGG
55 EHMU/MEDEVAC
APO AE 09355

If you have a loved one serving in the Armed Forces please share with us their address to publish in the newsletter and bulletin.



Eric Spencer Geiselhart

Eric will be attending Slippery Rock University majoring in Exercise Science. Eric graduated from Gateway Senior High School with high honors and is a member of the National Honor Society. Eric received several scholarships. He is active in the National Ski Patrol and this summer he volunteered over 250 hours at the Patriot Nursing Home and the PT Group in Penn Hills. Eric plans to pursue his doctorate in Physical Therapy at Slippery Rock University.



By Charlotte L. Riser

When the trees their summer splendor
Change to raiment red and gold,
When the summer moon turns mellow,
And the nights are getting cold;
When the squirrels hide their acorns,
And the woodchucks disappear;
Then we know that it is autumn,
Loveliest season of the year.

Of Faith and Kristallnacht at TGSLC on November 4, 2009

Christian Associates of Southwestern Pennsylvania, a regional ecumenical group, will be sponsoring a presentation and panel discussion called *Of Faith and Kristallnacht* at The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Wednesday, November 4 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Leading the discussion will be Rabbi Jamie Gibson of Temple Sinai, Sister Gemma del Duca of the National Catholic Center for Holocaust Education at Seton Hill University, and Rev. Don Green of Christian Associates. The event is open to the public. The presentation will consider the church's role in the Holocaust and its implications for today.

Food Pantry



Nancy Smith delivered **19 bags** of food to the **Cross Roads Food Pantry** on **September 14, 2009**.

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

Service Men & Women:

Joey Gross, Keith Humes,
DJ Price, Eric Bently,
Ryan Grigg (US Airforce)

Births:

Alla Renee Driskoll born on
September 8, 2009

Recently Married:**Known to be Hospitalized:**

Elizabeth Rhinehart (Forbes),
Scott Hamill (Forbes)

**For Healing:**

Virginia Figel, Nora Simpson,
Jennifer Boston, Ilan Ottavian,
Jerry Germanowski,
Geraldine Beck, Greg Schmidt,
Gertrude McCurry, Allen Hammer,
George Jae, Tami Sivmai,
Donna Silvio, Angela Graziano,
Marie Crooker, Anna Kurth,
Arlene Hesselgesser

Recently Deceased:

Jen Applegate

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, Lorri Nixon, Michael Lucas,
Esther Saul, Christine Wadding, Kristy Garcia, Cathy Etzel, Amanda Conte

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,
please use the card in the pew rack or contact the church office.**

Serving the month of October...

Acolytes 8:00 am	Acolytes 10:30 am	Altar Guild	Greeters 8:00 am	Greeters 10:30 am	Ushers
10/04 Alex Elizeus	10/04 Ashly Pipes Ryan Satira	8:00 am Diane Kun Annamarie Kun	10/04 Rose Kun	10/04 Andrea Hill	8:00 am Ed Stoll Allison Stoll Jennifer Stoll
10/11 TBA	10/11 TBA	10:30 am Irene Anderson Rhonda Hellested	10/11 Aileen Sechrist	10/11 Bobbi Stern	
10/18 TBA	10/18 TBA		10/18 Jan Roth	10/18 Lydia Cessna	10:30 am Dan Casebeer Paul Casebeer Donna Barr
10/25 TBA	10/25 TBA		10/25 Margaret Golick	10/25 Stephanie Satterfield & Robert Alberico	
* TBA = To Be Announced		Counters			
		Nancy Smith Linda Hainley			

Paul Decker - Coffee Hour

On **October 4th** we will be having a Coffee Hour between church services to help raise money for Paul Decker, a seven year old boy in our community who needs a bone marrow transplant. He must travel to Philadelphia because the doctors who have been taking care of him since he was diagnosed at the age of 7 months are in the Philadelphia Hospital.

If you can't be at church on that day, you can still contribute by sending a check payable to **The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**. Designate that the check is for the Paul Decker fundraiser. Thank you.

For more information, see the bulletin board in the Library area.

Confirmation Day 2009

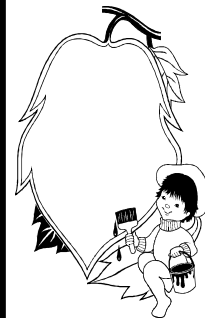


Confirmation Day 2009 in our congregation this year will be **Sunday, October 18**. Join us that day as Jordan Pogue and Cassie Wilkinson affirm their faith and receive the laying on of hands and anointing with oil for the stirring up of the Holy Spirit.



Ushers Needed!

Ushers are needed for the **8:00** and **10:30** worship services. It's not hard! The 2009 schedule will be set up in November. Please contact **George Geiselhart** at **724-327-2088** or the church office at **412-372-2934**.



Health and Wellness Ministry Team

More members are needed to volunteer for the Health & Wellness Ministry Team. Any amount of time you can give would be greatly appreciated. Some of the topics which will be discussed are stress management and depression. We will also be starting a walking club. Please contact **Betsy Allen** at **412-823-0211** or **Jeanne Lewis** at **412-678-0961**.

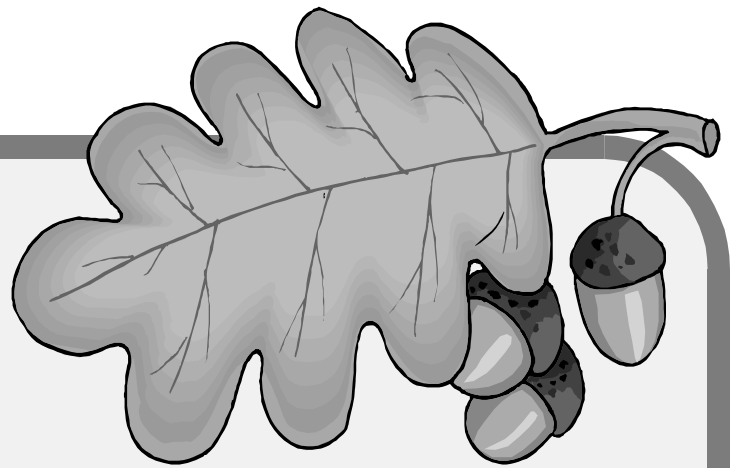


Farewell and Godspeed to Father Michael Decewicz

Father Michael Decewicz pastor of St. Bernadette's Roman Catholic Church in Monroeville has been re-assigned to Beaver County. Over his thirteen years of ministry here, he has been a good friend to The Good Shepherd.



October Birthdays



10/01 Mary Erzen

10/02 Bob Gelbke
Catherine Holm

10/03 Esther Saul
Emily Innes

10/04 Amanda Berdis
Declan Shumaker
Lynn Madden
Betsy Allen
Ruth Mager

10/08 Carli Perticone
Travis Hainley

10/09 Barbara
Hoverman

10/10 Ed Rhinehart
Juris Asars

10/11 Sandra
Rubright
Randal Berdis

10/12 Stella Pelkey
Cherry
Rattlesdorfer

10/13 James Naser, Jr.

10/14 Jeremy Smeltz
Irene Jones
Rodney
Mansfield
Jamie Hellested

10/16 Howard
McFarland, Jr.

10/17 Matthew
Rubright

10/18 Lois Fleming

10/19 Barbara McFall
Chris
Hellested

10/20 Bella Rossetti

10/21 Jesse Knadler
Laura Sommer
Sybil Bahnak
Jean Hellested
Lawrence
Wilson
Brooke Kuehn

10/22 Emily Duggan
Daniel Kun
Patrick Garrett

10/23 Kraig Pipes
Gabriela Rossetti

10/24 Robin Gussey
Kelly
Poniatowski

10/25 Britney Andrews
Henry Heil, Jr.

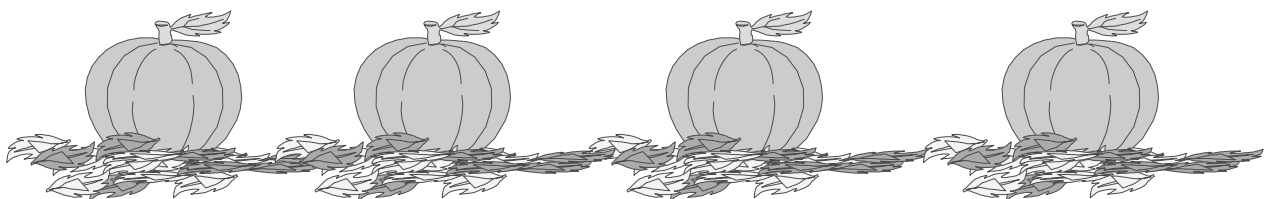
10/26 Agnes Sauers
Rebecca Fest
Janet Zegar

10/27 Ronald Harvey
Nancy Settino

10/28 Eunice Thomas
Lloyd Smeltz
Autumn Mantia

10/29 Amanda
Lindgren
Daniel
Lindgren
Joan Graziano
Rebecca
Abromitis

10/31 Robert
Coddington
Michael Stevens



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As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

1 Peter 4:10