

OUR PRAYERS

1. Please help us in updating the prayer list. If you have submitted a name, please call and give us an update.
2. Please take the list home and regularly pray for the people listed.
3. If you desire a name to be mentioned in the Sunday prayers, you must write the request in the Special Prayer Book found in the narthex or leave names with the office staff.

Include these Requests in your Daily Prayers!



THIS WEEK'S THANKSGIVINGS—Thanks for those who in faith and trust have added to our offerings to the Lord; For prayers answered; For Visitors; For suffering Christian believers everywhere; For those who keep praying for their many needs!

ON GOING CONCERNS: Rose Koehnke; Lilly Sorentino; June Kagemann; Mike DiMartino; Lexi Zanotti; Larry Beiter; Rev. Strussenberg; Donna Dunmire; Marcia Colgan; Millie Golmic; Christi Stoud; Jaque Stewart; Judy McCormick; Loretta (101 yrs. old) May she be comfortable and Kelsey (20 yr. old) suffered brain aneurysm – cousin of Carol Schaar; David Saskowsky

TODAY WE PARY FOR OUR MILITARY: Kevin Ringling; Josh Neugebauer; Stephen Wobb

Last Week at Good Shepherd

OFFERINGS: \$4,587.12
THANKSGIVING Thurs. 11/23 -- 14
ATTENDANCE: Sun. 11/26 -- 93

Driver Needed: Since her surgery, Marcia Colgan is in need of help getting to occasional doctor's appointments. If you can help, please call her at 412-818-8444. Thank you!

Concordia Lutheran Ministries will host the fifth annual live nativity scene on Sunday, Dec 10 in front of the Haven II building at 148 Marwood Rd. Performances are 15 minutes and will be scheduled at 4:30, 5:15, and 6 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Two Advent Devotional Booklets are available for pick up at the Welcome Center.

DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE

December 17th - Bible Hour will be at 9:30am and the Worship Hour will be at 10:45am. The Sunday School Christmas Program will be presented at this service. Mark your Calendars.

December 24th – 9:30am Worship
No Bible Hour
5:45pm Concert
6:00pm Candle light Worship

December 25th - 9:30am Christmas Day Worship
December 31st - 9:30am Worship
No Bible Hour

Home Gatherings – As the new pastor at Good Shepherd, I would appreciate the opportunity to get to meet and know people better. Please consider opening your home to a small group of people (a dozen-ish or less) for a time for us to get to know each other and to share our lives, faith, thoughts and hopes. No two gatherings will be the same. If you would like to schedule a gathering, give me a call or text @ (419)-377-7506, or email me @ tbickel79@gmail.com.

Men's breakfast bible Study

The Men's Breakfast Bible Study will be meeting again on Dec. 16, 2017 at 7:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Men wanting to show up at 6:30am to socialize before bible study are welcome to come early.



Happy Birthday!

Tues. – Jim Marlowe
Wed. – Fred Winkler
Thurs. - Grace Meyer

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills

Dec. 3 – Dec. 10, 2017



First Sunday of Advent

Thankful for what we have been given ...
 ... **Responsible** for what we pass on.

God has been impressing on my heart the imperative need to be conscious and proactive in the passing on the gifts God has given us. To hold God's gift without investing in others is like the servant in Jesus parable who hid his talent. He tucked it away so that he could return it to his master. The master's response was harsh. The master wanted return on his investment, and the last servant had made no effort to invest what the Master had given. A "personal" faith that remains static eventually grows stagnant.

This morning [Wednesday] I finished reading the book "War Room." The focus of the book was on the need and power of prayer. But prayer doesn't stand alone. It flows with a heart that is actively seeking God, and seeking to invest in others.

Moses invested in **Joshua**. Joshua picked up where Moses left off, and took the people to a place which Moses could only view from a distance.

Elijah invested in **Elisha** and eventually passed his mantle on to Elisha. Elisha went on to carry a double portion of his Elijah's spirit and did twice the number of miracles Elijah did.

Today we look at **Zechariah**. Even though he faltered in his faith, he passed on the faith he had to **his son John**. John would carry the deposit Zechariah & Elizabeth poured into him. We know John as John the Baptist who would boldly prepare the way for Jesus to begin his ministry. John then would hand his ministry off to **Jesus**.

Jesus, upon finishing his journey walking the earth in the flesh, hands his ministry off **to us**. He states that we will do greater works than he did (He said it, not me).

Now he invites us see the deposit he has invested in us. He pleads with us to open our eyes and see where we can invest the gifts he has given us. What gifts? Time, possessions, Faith, the gifts of the Spirit, words of peace, words of hope, words of healing & forgiveness, words of Jesus love, life, sacrifice, death, & resurrection.

There is a world desperate for the gifts God has placed in you. Release them and see God do awesome things. Pray it! Believe it! Do it!
 Pastor Tim

PRESCHOOL

PRESCHOOL PAL UPDATE: Thank you so much for your tremendous support of our preschool program! There are only 6 children who are still in need of a "Pal". If you are able to help, sponsorship forms are available in the Narthex. We appreciate your participation!

Youth Christmas Lock-in, Friday, December 15th - All family members welcome at 6pm at the start of the lock in to decorate the Christmas tree! Families please bring a dessert to share while decorating the tree. Once the tree is up and decorated, kids will stay and be picked up by 7am. Kids please bring \$5 for pizza and your favorite snack. More details to come.

Children's Christmas Service Reception - There will be a reception following the Children's Christmas Service on Sunday, December 17th. If you would like to donate cookies, small water bottles, or juice boxes please sign-up on the sheet on the bulletin board outside of the office

2017-2018 ENJOY COUPON BOOKS ARE NOW AVAILABLE! - Cost is \$30 per book and proceeds benefit our preschool. See Jennifer Meyer for purchase until December 31st.



Gift Card Opportunities

EAT 'N PARK SMILES - GIFT CARDS Now available \$10 & \$25 gift cards. A **percentage is given back to our Women's Guild**. See Arlene Stroebel, Carole Shade, or Rose Ann Zimmerman for cards.
 Thank you—REMEMBER—they make great gift.



Giant Eagle's "APPLES FOR THE STUDENTS" Fundraising Program

Register your Giant Eagle Advantage card; the preschool earns money with each swipe. To register you can go online at GiantEagle.com/AFTS or call 1-800-553-2324 and ask to register "Apples for Students". Our school code is # 5976.



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Sunday Service

Nov. 26 – Dec 3, 2017

Sun.	12/3	8:30am Choir 9:30am Worship (Closed Circuit TV of service in Room 11) 10:45am Bible Hour
Mon.	12/4	7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Elder's Meeting
Tues.	12/5	6:00pm Steel City Scrappers
Wed.	12/6	8:00pm N/A
Sat.	12/9	9:00am Bells
Sun.	12/10	8:30am Choir 9:30am Worship (Closed Circuit TV of service in Room 11) 10:45am Bible Hour

PORTALS OF PRAYER for January, February and March are now available at the Welcome Center. Also, copies of the Pittsburgh Lutheran and The Lutheran Witness

BULLETIN NOTICES MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE BY 9AM WEDNESDAYS