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FROM GOOD SHEPHERD



GOOD SHEPHERD FINE ARTS SERIES
THE LANCASTER BRITISH BRASS BAND



Lancaster British Brass Band in concert at The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.

The 2024-25 Fine Arts season was nothing short of outstanding. What a year, and we have more excitement



in store as we start off our 2025-2026 season on September 14. All Fine Arts events will be presented inside as we believe the acoustical design of our space, as well as the comfortable seating, will be more inviting for all.

The Lancaster British Brass Band will return in the new season!

from the PASTOR

I've been listening to the radio in the car more than I used to. Christine found a radio station that plays mostly songs from the 1980s (our favorites!). This has been a tremendous help. However, every morning, a funny thing happens.

Our townhouse has parking spots in front. I keep the radio set to the station with the eighties music. Yet, as soon as I start the car, the radio plays country music. Immediately after I back out of the parking spot, the radio switches over to the eighties music. There is clearly a sweet spot for that radio frequency. I find it every morning without even looking for it.

It illustrates the mystery of starting as the new pastor of a congregation. Sometimes—certainly not always—we find the sweet spot. Things fall into place without us even trying hard. I am grateful this has been my experience three weeks into this call. It provides evidence of God's hand in the call process that brought us together.

But, even once I land in that sweet spot for the eighties music, there is country-music static that interrupts the eighties music occasionally. This can happen to the new pastor of a congregation as well. Minor misunderstandings cause static in our sweet spot. We can work together to limit the static.


Please remember: this pastor prefers to hear things multiple times rather than risk missing important news. It is easy to think, “the pastor already knows.” The truth is that pastors are just like everyone else. We don’t know things unless people tell us. Two things are especially important for the pastor to know. First are hospitalizations. (HIPAA laws prevent hospitals from automatically notifying churches as in the past.) Second are deaths (Funeral directors are professionals who do an excellent job organizing lots of details. These usually include calling the pastor, but it is easy for calling the pastor to get lost in the static.).

We are tuning in to the relationship of pastor and people. Much is indeed mysterious. That is normal. God's ways can be mysterious (as the saying goes). Ways of reducing the static are less mysterious. They involve us tuning in to the humanity of both our pastor and our selves. God moves the needle to the frequency that feeds our spirits for many years—caring happens—way beyond the eighties.

Live as children of light!
Pastor Scott Paradise

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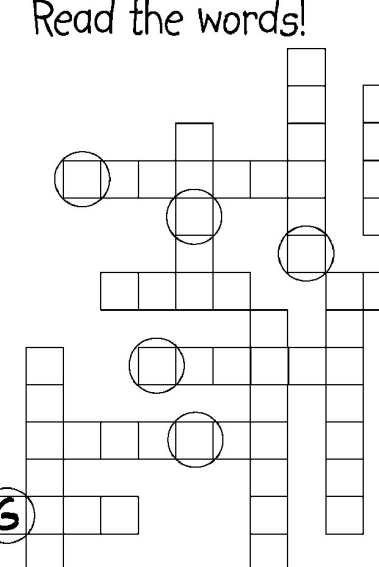
Just for KIDS

Celebrate Your Citizenship!

When we look at a globe or map, we see many different cities and countries. We are citizens of the place where we live. But we also hold another citizenship! Where?

Fit the names of these Bible-time places in the puzzle.
Write the circled letters on the lines below, in the order found.

Tyre
Cana
Rome
Gaza
Sidon
Berea
Lycia
Athens
Kedesh
Sychar
Galilee
Ephraim
Ephesus
Corinth
Iconium
Damascus
Bethlehem
Phillippi
Jerusalem



HOLY EUCHARIST: WITH THE SAINTS

Join us Wednesdays in Summer at 6:00 pm in Good Shepherd's Memorial Garden for a time of prayer, scripture and the Eucharist.

In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in the Martin Luther Room.

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 † August 6, 13, 20, 27 † September 3 & 10

CREATION CARE SMALL GROUP



**PEACE
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2025

The Good Shepherd Creation Care Small Group will be taking a one month vacation to re-energize for September's Season of Creation celebration. Planning for the Season of Creation at Good Shepherd will begin at our August meetings.

The theme for Season of Creation 2025 is "Peace with Creation." This ecumenical global celebration encourages all communities of faith to pray and act in solidarity to care for our common home. The theme emphasizes working for justice and restoring the broken relationship between humanity and creation. Season of Creation starts Sep. 1st and ends Oct. 4th.

FEEDING THE SPIRIT SMALL GROUP

BUSHEL OF LOVE — Thank you to everyone who donated to the Pet Pantry of Lancaster during the June Bushels of Love. For the July Bushels of Love, we will be collecting food items for the Lancaster Food Hub.

THANKSGIVING — We have been meeting to continue planning for this year's Thanksgiving Turkey Boxes and Thanksgiving In-Person Dinner. Look for more details soon as we begin collecting donations in August for these two events.

PLANNING MEETINGS — Feeding Ministry has a new name! Not to be outdone by the Children and Family Ministry's new name - "Kids Count" — the Good Shepherd Feeding Ministry decided on a new snappy name too — "Feeding The Spirit." Moving forward, whenever you see "Feeding the Spirit" — know that it is the Feeding Ministry.

"Feeding The Spirit" will now be meeting on a regular basis. The third Sunday of each month, before the church service, at 9:00 in All Saints Hall, we will gather to pray, prepare, and plan for upcoming events. Meetings will conclude by 9:45. These regular third Sunday meetings will begin in July. July 20th is the third Sunday.

We want to open up our meetings to all Good Shepherd members. Come whenever you would like. Bring ideas to the "feeding" table. Come with questions for us. Join us to find out how you might help at one of the events. Join us if you are curious about helping and feeding our neighbors and families in Conestoga Valley School District.

WELCOME PICNIC FOR PASTOR SCOTT PARADISE

The Fellowship Small Group would like to invite you to a Welcome Picnic after the service on Sunday, August 17, 2025, in All Saints Hall. We would like to officially welcome Pastor Scott Paradise by demonstrating our hospitality to him and appreciation for him! The Fellowship Group will provide grilled hot dogs and chicken! As for the rest, there will be a sign up sheet in the hallway outside the narthex! As always, if it doesn't work for you to bring a dish, COME ANYWAY!

CONGREGATION COUNCIL POSITION OPENING

This is an exciting time to serve on Congregation Council. With a new pastor in place, we can dream about new ministries. Council helps to develop and direct novel ideas from the congregation. Council members also have the opportunity to work with Pastor Paradise in a different way than Sunday morning worship. Due to life changes, a member of council has resigned. Therefore, we have an opening for a person who would serve as interim until the November congregation meeting. According to our Constitution, the congregation would then vote to continue their term. Ideally, the term would end in May 2028. If you are interested in serving on Council, or have questions about this, please contact Pastor Paradise, Judy Lefever, or any member of Congregation Council.

SENIOR SHEPHERDS

Our entertainment in May was Tom and Randi LaNasa with memory music. We enjoyed music from the 50s and 60s. Tom made it quite a lively show while we listened and sang along. If you missed it, you missed a fun time.

Join us on July 15th at 11:30 am in All Saints Hall when we will be finding out more about Doc Holiday. David Manuel will be back with Doc Holiday Part II. Part I was intriguing. We heard about the early days of Doc Holiday, now we'll hear about his later years.

Our kitchen staff needs help. Please consider coming in at 10:30 to help set up. You will not be expected to do this for every meeting. We are hoping to be able to rotate. We'll ask for volunteers at the end of the meeting. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

You're invited to join us for a covered dish lunch and fun fellowship. It doesn't matter how old you are. Age doesn't matter. Getting together offers opportunities to connect, learn and support each other.

Keep those that are alone and lonely in your prayers.

Annie, Dawn and Katie

PARISH NOTES

BUSHEL OF LOVE provides help in the form of non-perishable food, clothing, and monetary donations for our local community every month. Place your items in the baskets in the narthex.

ENDOWMENT FUND Good Shepherd has an endowment fund to enable gifts that continue to support ministries over time — gifts that keep on giving. Pick up an Endowment brochure and call Bob Walton, chair, for more information. Any size gift is welcome and important.

GRACE MEAL The third Wednesday of each month, Good Shepherd cooks and serves a meal to anyone in the Lancaster community who may need or wish to participate. If you can help serve, call Denise White.

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY Helping Hands Ministry provides meals to a person or household in a time of need. If you are in need of a meal, or would like to help, contact Katie Smith.

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.

LIVESTREAM Our Sunday in-person service is livestreamed each week beginning at 10:00 am on Sunday, or at any time thereafter on our website and YouTube channel. The online option will be available when you first visit our website, or go to [live.GoodShepherdLancaster.org](https://www.GoodShepherdLancaster.org) View past services here: [GoodShepherdLancaster.org/servicearchive](https://www.GoodShepherdLancaster.org/servicearchive)

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 secretary@goodshepherd lancaster.org. Our prayer chain coordinator is Joan Walton. Concerns are kept confidential.

WEB SITE See us on the web at www.GoodShepherdLancaster.org. Good Shepherd's web site is a place to find information and inspiration. *Good News from Good Shepherd* is also available to view online.

WHO ARE OUR SHUT-INS? Homebound members or those living in assisted living facilities or other institutions are communed quarterly and visited by our Communion Deacons. If there is someone who should be added to our list, call the church office.

BIBLE STORIES PROJECT



In the Bible stories of “The Burning Bush” and “Free From Slavery,” we learn that God speaks to us in many ways. Although it is not always easy to do what God asks, God is always with us and will provide what we need to do God's work.

These stories can be found in the Spark Bible pages 72-77 or in Exodus 3:1-15; Exodus 5:1-6:13.

ATTENTION COMMITTEES AND SMALL GROUPS

We would like to have input from groups regarding possible financial needs for next year's budget. Council will then decide priorities and how the budget is developed. Your request is not a guarantee that money will be there; we are simply trying to get an idea of potential expenses. If you foresee needing budget support for 2026, please return a budget request form by August 15. You can request the form from any member of Council.

TOWARDS RACIAL JUSTICE MOVIE OF THE MONTH

The Towards Racial Justice Small Group will be hosting a Movie of the Month series this summer and fall. The monthly series involves two parts: a Watch Party on the 3rd Monday of each month, followed by a group discussion on Zoom, facilitated by the members of the Towards Racial Justice Small Group on the 4th Monday of each month. If you're not able to attend the watch party, feel free to watch the movie at a different place and time and attend the Zoom discussion as scheduled. Mark your calendar and plan to join us each month for a new movie and engaging discussion!

JULY MOVIE: *Selma*

Watch Party in the Martin Luther Room on July 21 at 6:00 pm

Zoom discussion on July 28 at 7:00 pm-8:30 pm

AUGUST MOVIE: *Hidden Figures*

Watch Party in the Martin Luther Room on August 18 at 6:00 pm

Zoom discussion on August 25 at 7:00 pm-8:30 pm

SEPTEMBER MOVIE: *Summer of Soul*

Watch Party in the Martin Luther Room on September 15 at 6:00 pm

Zoom discussion on September 22 at 7:00 pm-8:30 pm

OCTOBER MOVIE: *Rosewood*

Watch Party in the Martin Luther Room on October 20 at 6:00 pm

Zoom discussion on October 27 at 7:00 pm-8:30 pm

Reach out to Miriam Burke or Kris Albert with your questions. We look forward to learning and growing together!

TRJ MONTHLY COMMUNITY LUNCH — We gather for lunch on the 3rd Sunday of every month at a Black or minority owned restaurant in Lancaster. The schedule for July, August, and September is noted below. We'll gather between 11:45 am and 1:00 pm. Mark your calendars and join us for fellowship, great food, and to support our neighbors!

JULY 20—Ginza Sushi, 565 Greenfield Road, Lancaster

AUGUST 17—*The welcome picnic for Pastor Paradise in All Saints Hall falls on August 17*

SEPTEMBER 21—Silantra Asian Street Kitchen, 1917 Fruitville Pike, Lancaster

PARISH REGISTER

BURIAL OF THE DEAD

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

SARAH "SALLY" HORTING

May 30, 2025

JACK BRINKER

June 7, 2025

EARLS TOLIN

June 18, 2025

PARISH NOTES

SYMPATHY

- to the family and friends of Earls Tolin especially his wife Mary Ann
- to the family and friends of Sarah "Sally" Horting, especially Bob and Audrey Horting
- to the family and friends of Anna Marie Shaub especially her daughter, Sue Woods and son, Jeff Shaub
- to the family and friends of Ann Sears

HOMEBOUND BIRTHDAYS

7-12 DIXIE MILLER

APARTMENT 617
300 ST MARK AVENUE
LITITZ, PA 17543

7-13 SUSANN LEMON

ROOM 171B
100 ABBEYVILLE ROAD
LANCASTER, PA 17603

7-14 PAT EYERLY

1001 EAST OREGON ROAD
LITITZ, PA 17543

BISHOP-ELECT REV. STEPHEN HERR

On June 7, 2025, the Rev. Stephen Robert Herr was called to serve a six-year term as bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Bishop-elect Rev. Herr currently serves as pastor of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Ordained on July 2, 1994, Pastor Herr has served in parish, campus, and synodical leadership for more than three decades.



His leadership within the ELCA includes service on the ELCA Church Council, Executive Committee, and Legal and Constitutional Review Committee (chair), as well as the Future Directions Task Force and Synod Councils in both the Lower Susquehanna and Southwestern Pennsylvania Synods. Locally, he has served as Dean and Secretary of the Gettysburg Conference and continues to support outdoor ministry through the Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania.

Pastor Herr is also deeply engaged in the Gettysburg community through ecumenical leadership, the arts, education, and historical preservation. He has served on the boards of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Gettysburg Community Theatre, and the Lutheran Historical Society of the Mid-Atlantic, where he is president emeritus. He has also coached youth basketball at both Blairsville and Gettysburg Area High Schools.

Please join us in giving thanks for Bishop-elect Herr and lifting him in prayer as he prepares to lead our synod.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Some of you now provide your offerings through direct distribution from an IRA to Good Shepherd or by using the Vanco direct deposit system to make weekly/monthly or annual offerings. We are looking for ways to reduce our envelope printing costs. If you are using the IRA or Vanco process, you may no longer need envelopes printed for you. If your preference is to no longer receive envelopes (and help us reduce our costs) please notify Randy Patterson by July 30. Send an email to Randy at randypatterson@comcast.net stating that you no longer wish to receive envelopes. And you may be wondering what happened to the Special Offering envelopes you used to receive with your regular envelopes (Church Festivals, Easter, Christmas, etc.). To reduce our costs of providing envelopes, Council decided to only provide weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly envelopes this year. We are in the process of producing general offering envelopes that anyone can use at any time during the year to make a special offering or gift to the church. These envelopes will be available in the literature rack in the narthex. Simply fill in the information requested on the envelope so we can be certain to add your offering/gift to your giving record with the church. If you have any questions, please see Randy Patterson or email him at randypatterson@comcast.net.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MAY MEETING

- Asked Randy Patterson to follow up with members who did not pick up their offering envelopes this year
- Were notified of Sue Kelshaw's intent to resign after her years of service as Treasurer. Council is also looking into someone to assist Miriam Burke, Financial Secretary
- Learned that there is a need for two additional people to help count the Sunday plate offering
- Agreed to the discontinuing of Family Fun Nights. Fellowship Committee will continue to plan family events

The next meetings of the Congregation Council are June 25 and July 23.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE CHRISTMAS IN JULY

An enormous amount of support for working with refugees in Lancaster comes from Church World Service (CWS). Recent federal cuts have caused CWS to lose a significant source of funding to support immigrants with resettlement, employment, housing, health, education, and legal paperwork, among other things. To help with this crisis, CWS is partnering with Grandview Church to host a celebration of "Christmas in July" on Saturday, July 26. The celebration will include a collection of nativity displays (borrowed from the community) laid out much like a model train display that people can visit with their families and donate to support CWS. What is needed now are folks who are willing to lend their interesting nativity sets for the display. If you have a nativity set you would like to share, please contact Lisa Clayton (lisaclayton789@gmail.com) before Saturday, July 12.

THIS MONTH AT GOOD SHEPHERD JULY, 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
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4 PENTECOST 6 10:00AM Holy Eucharist Bushels of Love: Lanc. Food Hub	7 6:30PM Kids Count Small Group	8 7:00PM Towards Racial Justice Small Group on Zoom
5 PENTECOST 13 10:00AM Holy Eucharist Bushels of Love: Lanc. Food Hub	14	15 11:30AM Senior Shepherds: David Manuel "Doc Holiday Part Two"
6 PENTECOST 20 9:00AM Feeding the Spirit SG 10:00AM Holy Eucharist Bushels of Love: Lanc. Food Hub 11:45PM Community Lunch: Ginza Sushi	21 6:00PM Towards Racial Justice "Movie of the Month" Watch Party <i>Selma</i> in the Martin Luther Room 9:00AM Power Packs Packing at Power Packs Warehouse	22
7 PENTECOST 27 10:00AM Holy Eucharist Bushels of Love: Lanc. Food Hub	28 7:00PM Towards Racial Justice on Zoom Movie Discussion	29

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 1:00-3:00PM Game Group 1:00PM Prayer Shawl MLR 6:00PM Holy Eucharist - With the Saints in the Memorial Garden	3 11:00AM Anna Marie Shaub Funeral with Visitation at 10:30	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY Office Closed	5
9 1:00-3:00PM Game Group 1:30-3:00PM Growing in Christ Small Group in the Café 6:00PM Holy Eucharist - With the Saints in the Memorial Garden	10	11	12
16 1:00-3:00PM Game Group in the St. Nicholas Room 5:30PM Grace Meal 6:00PM Holy Eucharist - With the Saints in the Memorial Garden	17	18	19
23 1:00-3:00PM Game Group 1:30-3:00PM Growing in Christ 6:00PM Holy Eucharist - With the Saints in the Memorial Garden 7:00PM Congregation Council	24	25	26
30 1:00-3:00PM Game Group 1:30-3:00PM Growing in Christ 6:00PM Holy Eucharist - With the Saints in the Memorial Garden	31	CALLING ALL GRADUATES! We congratulate all who are graduating. Contact the office and provide information regarding your graduation. We would like to know the school from which you graduated, any specifics (e.g. major) and your plans for the future for publication in the August issue of <i>Good News from Good Shepherd</i> .	