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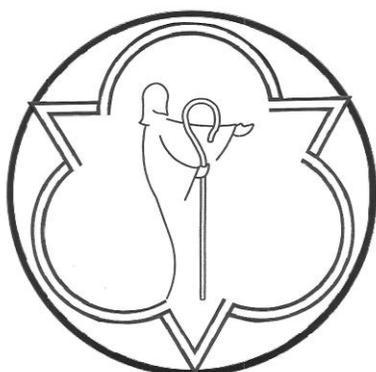
The Newsletter of Shepherd of the Glen Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship & Sunday School 9:30 AM



A community of Christians, called Together by the Holy Spirit, where all people Can come to know God's grace and grow in Faith, give and receive The love of Jesus Christ And of one another, and Serve one another and The community in which We live."

We have a special month coming up with three very distinctive (and distinguished!) speakers coming to SOTG, as well as synod assembly, Bible study and the media sale. All this activity reminds us just how this little church in the rural 'burbs is connected to the wider church and the community.

I'll be heading off to **synod assembly June 1-3**. I remember the first SA I attended as a lay delegate many years ago. So many Lutherans in one place! So many churches doing vibrant and meaningful ministry, not only individually, but as a body that works in concert to meet the needs of a changing world! I'm proud to be representing this congregation, and I'm looking forward to all the "cross pollination" that happens when Lutherans exchange ideas. All that coin change we've been collecting will go with me and at some point delegates will all dump our coins into one receptacle for one BIG noisy offering to help those who are hungry or food-insecure. This year, in addition to attending the conferences and workshops, I'll be working at the Reconciling Works station.

Reconciling Works is a movement within the ELCA to achieve full inclusion of our LGBTQ sisters and brothers, an effort I've been a part of for several years. I'll also get to have lunch with the bishop along with other pastors who are marking ordination anniversaries!

June 4 is Pentecost, a day we recognize how the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles and empowered them to speak about the loving God they saw revealed in Jesus. Pentecost had also long been a Jewish holiday, so how fitting that we welcome that day Rabbi Rachmiel Tobesman, a rabbi who is chaplain in the prison system and also

a certified Biblical Story Teller. Hearing about the same God from different point of view enriches our spirituality, much like turning a beautiful gem in our hand and seeing the light from different directions. Rabbi Tobesman and I have done interfaith work together at Central Maryland Correctional Facility where I serve as a volunteer pastor, and I can assure that you'll love his engaging style.

June 11, Rev. Glenn Ludwig, current chair of the board of Gettysburg Seminary, will be here to bring greetings from the school (my alma mater!) and help us understand the changes about to happen with the merger with Philadelphia Seminary. Being actively in the call process as SOTG is, the means by which the ELCA will be equipping new leaders for ministry is particularly pertinent, and I know that Rev. Ludwig is a dynamic speaker. How? He was my home pastor for 30 years at First, Ellicott City, the church that launched me into ministry.

Then **June 18** we welcome back Rev. Gerry Rickel, the pastor of the Community of St. Dymas, the synod's prison ministry. This church was so wonderfully responsive in providing so many New Life Kits for ex-offenders; he is coming to give us some perspective and follow-up on how lives are being changed by the support of people like SOTG.

In the middle of all that—there's **the Flea Market/Mini Book Sale!** Books and media aplenty all organized and carried out by an amazing team of volunteers!

The Shepherd's Table will be up and running again this summer to raise money for hunger. If you have a garden, please bring your extra produce in so we can "buy" it for a donation and help others with our bounty. If your neighbors have extra, ask them to drop it by the church just like they drop off their books! This helps others, and connects us to the Glenwood neighborhood.

There's also the **Tuesday morning Bible study 2nd and 4th Tuesdays** (June 13 and June 27) at 10. We're looking at the lectionary readings that often sound so confusing and may not seem relevant to us today. But do a little digging and you find words that speak a message that's living and breathing. Bring a friend/neighbor who doesn't come to church—this is a good way to introduce (or re-introduce) folks to the Good News in a small group setting.

There's a lot going on here at SOTG. We are more than just one church here on Burntwoods Rd, we're part of a larger church, and larger community and a larger fellowship of faith. We are living out our faith in Jesus in so many ways!

Summer blessings,
Pastor Susan

Annual Flea Market & Mini Book Sale

Saturday, June 17 – 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

(Rain Date June 24)

Spaces are free --- Tables for \$5 --- Setup at 7:30 am

Registration is required because spaces are limited

E-mail churchbooks@hotmail.com or call Carole Kramer

At 410-442-2475

We will be needing help to set up and take down. Let Carole or Linda Krause know if you can help. Setup volunteers need to be at church at 7:00 am

If you have items to donate to the flea market, please bring to church ASAP. All items should be placed in the Sunday school rooms.

Thank you.

The next Coffee Fellowship will be held on July 2. If you wish to provide goodies, please let Peggy Handler or Anne Gellner know or sign up on the Helping Hands board.

Taking God's Word to Heart and Putting it into Action

Many thanks to all who donated their loose change to make a positive change in people's lives through the ELCA World Hunger Fund. Keep an eye out in the "Weekly Hello" for the final total donated!

On May 29, volunteers from Shepherd of the Glen provided and served the meal at the Route 1 Day Center. The staff and clients of Route 1 are extremely appreciative of your generosity. You do not know them but you care and you help. Thank you!



**Let us not
become weary
in doing good,
for at the proper time
we will reap a harvest
if we do not give up.
Galatians 6 vs. 1**

Shepherd of the Glen Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting
May 16, 2017

Attendees:	Pastor Susan Beck	Linda Krause	Gene Handler
	Jeff Gellner	Anne Gellner	Peggy
Handler	Gretchen Wright	Dennis Hunt	Patsy Pickrel

The meeting was called together with the Reading "Sarah" and Prayer based on Psalm 139.

Minutes from the April 18, 2017 meeting were read and approved.

Financial Reports:

The Financial Secretary's report was distributed.

For the week ending April 30, 2017:

Pledged Envelope Offerings:	\$20,076.92
Actual Envelope Offerings:	\$19,885.00 (99%)
Loose Offerings	\$142.00 (year to date)
Building Fund	\$0.00
Gifts and Memorials	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Donations	\$0.00

The Treasurer's report was distributed.

April Envelope income:	\$5,572.00
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Year to date total income:	\$22,862.50
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Year to date expenses:	\$20,510.94
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Monies were transferred from Checking to Savings in order to receive some interest. There was a slight discrepancy between the two financial reports which was reconciled.

Financial reports were accepted as given.

Board of Christian Education:

Coffee Fellowship/luncheon was held on May 7. The next one will be on June 4. Sunday School will resume in the fall.

Board of Trustees Report: No official report given.

We discussed a possible work day and the field mowing.

Board of Deacons Report:

14 New Life baskets were completed

Full box of Box Tops for Schools were delivered and the collection project will continue.

“Noisy Change” offering for Synod Assembly ELCA hunger relief project—collection jar is in the Narthex.

Luther study was held on May 7.

Bible Study will begin on May 23rd. To be held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings at 10 AM.

The Shepherd’s Table will continue once again during the summer. Proceeds will be donated to the Synod’s hunger relief project.

We discussed various summer building use proposals. As the building will be housing books from now until September no groups may use the building until after that time.

A new Telephone Tree is being prepared. Please look over your entry for accurate information.

Dates to remember:

May 23—Bible Study at 10 AM

May 29—Rt. 1 Day Center Meal

June 4—visiting speaker Rabbi Tobesman

June 11—visiting speaker Rev. Glenn Ludwig (United Lutheran Seminary)

June 17—Flea Market/Mini Book Fair

June 18—visiting speaker Rev. Gerry Rickel (St. Dysmas)

August—Outdoor Worship—date to be determined

September 14-16 --Media Fair

Pastors Report:

Pastor Susan will attend the Synod Assembly on June 1-3.

Pastor Susan continues to meet with members and make Pastoral Care visits; prepare for services; prepare Bible study and meet with Boards and Synod clergy.

She conducts worship services for St. Dysmas on Wednesday mornings. Pastor Susan continues to attend interfaith gatherings. Pastor Susan continues to hold Friday morning “office hours” at the Dunkin Donuts on Route 97.

New Business:

Possible building use by the Order of Saint Stephen Deacon was approved for 2018.

Call Committee:

We discussed the progress of the Call Committee.

The next Council meeting will be held on June 13, 2017.