

# The



# Call

*Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,*

On August 9<sup>th</sup>, we hosted a Mask Giveaway. We have an amazing group of sewers who have more than risen to the occasion of working tirelessly to provide more than 2,000 masks to our community (schools, agencies, every day people, and more...). Each day we receive more requests to meet the demand that exists in our world. In an attempt to save medical grade masks for our healthcare workers, the homemade masks are proven effective alternatives for adults and children.

During the giveaway, organizations and groups that operate out of Good Shepherd's building were given an opportunity to have an information table. It presented a kind of community day event on a much smaller scale—outside and socially distant. Our Evangelism Committee embraced this time to distribute information regarding worship at Good Shepherd.

As a person was asked if they would like information on our congregation, the resident of this neighborhood asked, "Would I be welcome to worship with you?"

Of course, this question takes our breath away. Certainly, we consider ourselves to be welcoming people. Certainly, we consider ourselves to be friendly people. Certainly, we consider ourselves to stand firmly on Jesus' command to love God and to love each other.

Clearly, we need to continue to get that message out into the neighborhood. For whatever reason, for some people, there is a different image of who we are and what we do here at Good Shepherd. If anyone is questioning whether or not they would be welcome to be with us in worship, then we have lots of work to do.

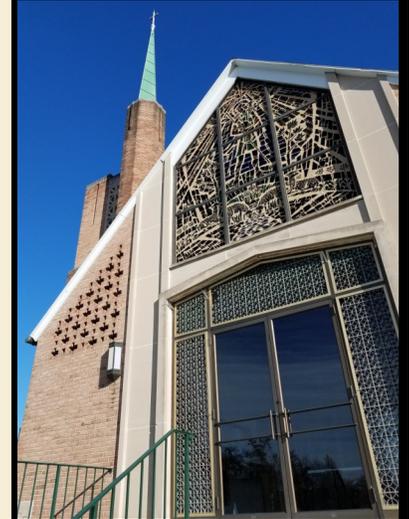
Perhaps this question of whether or not someone is welcome is a flaw of our own, that maybe we have not done a good job of getting the word out to our neighbors. Or, maybe there was a time when we were not at our best and someone had a negative experience with us. Or, maybe there are stereotypes that are beyond our control but that we face.

I freely confess that I fall into that latter suggestion far too often. On Monday morning, on August 10, someone spray-painted swastikas on the exterior walls of Keshar Israel Synagogue right here in Harrisburg. Immediately, after my sadness and rage, came my thought that some white male, who perhaps identifies as a Christian, is the culprit.

Right or wrong, there are voices that proclaim what Christians think and how Christians act that are louder than ours. This is our current context. Through this time and in our worship of God, we will be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to proclaim God's message of compassion and forgiveness and love and mercy.

Peace, and many blessings,

*Kathleen J. Baker, pastor*



**October Call  
Submissions  
will be due  
Sunday,  
September 13**

**Thank you for  
honoring this  
early deadline**

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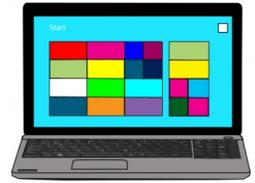
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 Deadline is the third Sunday prior to publication month.

**September Birthdays**

- 9/1 Jody Coleman and Sherry Waltz  
 9/7 Ashlyn McGrady  
 9/8 Diane Knight  
 9/11 Greg Borzok, Sandra Davis,  
 and Darlene Schlegel  
 9/12 Kirk Barbour, Elnor Mann,  
 and Kylie Matthews  
 9/17 Patricia Nolan  
 9/20 Emily Warfield  
 9/21 Edna Hafer  
 9/23 Jamie Duarte  
 9/28 Russell Corbet  
 9/30 Jake Duarte, Mark Erney,  
 Jacqueline Frye, Chris Herman,  
 and Mark Stradley

**Online Worship  
at  
Good Shepherd****FACEBOOK**

Search "Good Shepherd Paxtang" on Facebook or using your internet search engine. It is not necessary to have a Facebook account to access the church Facebook page. Services will be live streamed Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and archived on Facebook.

**WEBSITE**

A link to video recordings of Sunday services will be posted after the conclusion of worship on the church website, [www.goodshepherdpxtang.com](http://www.goodshepherdpxtang.com).

**FORMATION OF ONLINE TASK FORCE**

The establishment of a virtual presence through the live-streaming of worship services has become an important connection not only for those who are uncomfortable with in-person worship but also for our homebound members. A task force is being formed to discuss what can be done to enhance the experience for those watching online. If you have any interest in participating or any experience in this area, please contact Dix McCauley about joining the task force.

*Our Prayers and the  
 comfort of the Christian  
 faith are with the  
 family and friends of*



*Mary S. Shank, who died July 25 2020.*

*A graveside service was held  
 August 3, 2020 at Harrisburg Cemetery  
 with Pastor Baker presiding.*

# MASK GIVE-AWAY HIGHLIGHTS

The R3 team enlisted the Evangelism Committee for a combined “Community Mask Give-away” on Sunday, August 9, 2020. Over 1,000 masks were prepared by our Sewing and Quilting Workshop for distribution, along with small bottles of hand sanitizer, hot dogs and bottles of water. Informational pamphlets on Good Shepherd designed by Sue Boyne were handed out with the masks. The eight organizations that use our building were invited to participate, and five were represented: Boy Scouts, DeafCAN!, Meals on Wheels, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Tuesday Workshop, plus representatives were there for the 2020 census.

In terms of success, the event went well (over 100 masks were distributed), although not as well as some had hoped. However, Vicki Delp said it well:

“There definitely could have been more people but what I loved about the day was that it was very personal. We interacted with each person who came by and each person left with something from us—a word, a mask, a hot dog, an impression, a sanitizer with our name on it. ... I think it was exactly the kind of thing the R3 program is all about AND had we not been in the midst of a pandemic, it would never have happened. I truly believe the value of yesterday was US being there and reaching out to those who came by. God smiled.”

Then, good news was received. A teacher from Paxtang Elementary contacted Pastor Baker requesting 200 kid masks and 100 adult masks. Additionally, the cub pack that meets at Good Shepherd requested 10 kid masks. Georgia Rehm received a request from Frey Village for 100 masks. Masks were also donated to Health Ministries at Christ Lutheran. Swatara Middle School will be receiving 350 kids masks and 50 adult masks in the near future.

As Pastor Baker said, “Seeds were planted.”



*The August 9 Community Mask Give-away was held along Wilhelm Road.*



*Sue Boyne and Georgia Rehm prepare to distribute masks and church information pamphlets to guests stopping by.*

*Photos by Dixie McCauley*

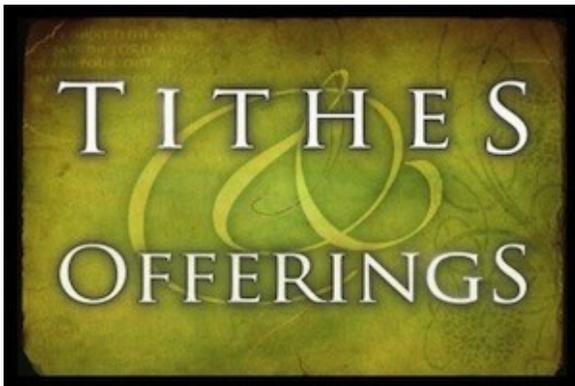
**From our Treasurer:  
July Financials**

2020	
July	YTD
15,673	129,554
24,201	138,390
0	10,311
<b>(8,728)</b>	<b>150</b>

Giving  
Spending  
Payroll Protection Pgm.  
Surplus/(Deficit)

**BALANCES**

**General Fund** 23,738  
**Exchange (Restricted)** 357,315  
**Memorial** 6,789  
**Mission Investment Fund CD** 29,352  
**Investments** 285,230



**GIVING OPTIONS**

During this time of social distancing, and at other times (for convenience or for when you are unable to be in worship), offerings may be mailed to the church office; you may request that your financial institution make a check to be sent to Good Shepherd; or, an automatic payment may be established through your financial institution.  
Thank you.

**September Readings**

- 9/1 Psalm 17, 2 Samuel 11:27b–12:15, Revelation 3:7-13
- 9/2 Psalm 17, Jeremiah 17:5-18, Matthew 12:22-32
- 9/3 Psalm 119:33-40, Ezekiel 24:1-14, 2 Corinthians 12:11-21
- 9/4 Psalm 119:33-40, Ezekiel 24:15-27, Romans 10:15b-21
- 9/5 Psalm 119:33-40, Ezekiel 33:1-6, Matthew 23:29-36
- 9/6 Ezekiel 33:7-11, Psalm 119:33-40, Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20
- 9/7 Psalm 119:65-72; Leviticus 4:27-31, 5:14-16; 1 Peter 2:11-17
- 9/8 Psalm 119:65-72, Deuteronomy 17:2-13, Romans 13:1-7
- 9/9 Psalm 119:65-72; Leviticus 16:1-5, 20-28; Matthew 21:18-22
- 9/10 Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13, Genesis 37:12-36. 1 John 3:11-16
- 9/11 Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13, Genesis 41:53–42:17, Acts 7:9-16
- 9/12 Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13, Genesis 45:1-20, Matthew 6:7-15
- 9/13 Genesis 50:15-21, Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13, Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35
- 9/14 Psalm 133, Genesis 48:8-22, Hebrews 11:23-29
- 9/15 Psalm 133, Genesis 49:29–50:14, Romans 14:13–15:2
- 9/16 Psalm 133, Genesis 50:22-26, Mark 11:20-25
- 9/17 Psalm 145:1-8; Nahum 1:1, 14–2:2; 2 Corinthians 13:1-42
- 9/18 Psalm 145:1-8, Nahum 2:3-13, 2 Corinthians 13:5-10
- 9/19 Psalm 145:1-8, Zephaniah 2:13-15, Matthew 19:23-30
- 9/20 Jonah 3:10–4:11, Psalm 145:1-8, Philippians 1:21-30, Matthew 20:1-16
- 9/21 Psalm 106:1-12, Genesis 27:1-29, Romans 16:1-16
- 9/22 Psalm 106:1-12, Genesis 28:10-17, Romans 16:17-20
- 9/23 Psalm 106:1-12, Isaiah 41:1-13, Matthew 18:1-5
- 9/24 Psalm 25:1-9, Ezekiel 12:17-28, James 4:11-16
- 9/25 Psalm 25:1-9, Ezekiel 18:5-18, Acts 13:32-41
- 9/26 Psalm 25:1-9, Ezekiel 18:19-24, Mark 11:27-33
- 9/27 Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9, Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32
- 9/28 Psalm 28, Judges 14:1-20, Philippians 1:3-14
- 9/29 Psalm 28, Judges 16:1-22, Philippians 1:15-21
- 9/30 Psalm 28, Judges 16:23-31, Matthew 9:2-8



## HOLY TIME

*Come gather 'round people  
Wherever you roam  
And admit that the waters  
Around you have grown....  
Come writers and critics  
Who prophesize with your pen  
And keep your eyes wide  
The chance won't come again...  
For the times they are a- changin'*

These are some of the lyrics from *The Times They Are A-Changin*, a song written by Bob Dylan in 1964.

**Holy Time** is the fall Bible Study from *GATHER* magazine written by The Reverend Megan Johnston Aelabouni. She is a doctoral candidate in religious studies and a country coordinator for the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program in Jerusalem and the West Bank.” She writes in the overview that “we’ll focus on how God is with us...and the role of time in the daily living of our faith: in remembering the past, in recognizing ‘the now’ and in reimagining the future.”

As fall approaches, with our changing seasons and foliage, are you ready to take the time to change? Here are some interesting ways to enrich your life and faith. Please sample some of these choices. Hopefully you’ll find something to make you smile, ponder, cry, imagine and laugh.

**GATHER**, the magazine of Women of the ELCA, guides you as you live and experience your faith every day. The magazine offers Bible study, a mix of faith-in-life articles, theological reflections, devotions, and stories that speak to the hearts and souls of progressive Christian women. Commercial time: there is an intro offer for NEW subscribers—one year of *GATHER* for just \$ 9.95. [www.gathermagazine.org](http://www.gathermagazine.org)

**Interchange**, the newsletter of the Women of the ELCA, is produced 4 times a year (spring,

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summer, winter, fall). The purpose of *Interchange* is to equip and empower Women of the ELCA leaders with the information and resources necessary to carry out their mission. *Interchange* is distributed free of charge to the WELCA leadership in congregational, intercongregational, and special units; synodical, and churchwide leadership of Women of the ELCA; to Women of the ELCA cluster, conference coordinators, and newsletter editors; and to ELCA synod and regional offices, resource centers, colleges, and seminaries. *Interchange* is currently available online only. [www.womenoftheelca.org/interchange](http://www.womenoftheelca.org/interchange)

**Café** is an electronic magazine for young women who want to build Community, participate in Advocacy, strengthen Faith, and strive toward Enlightenment (**CAFE!**). It incorporates a Lutheran perspective for women of the Christian faith or simply for any woman who is interested in how faith can relate to the issues that women face today. [www.boldcafe.org](http://www.boldcafe.org)

**Bold Connections** is a free e-newsletter of Women of the ELCA. Whether you participate a lot or a little in Women of the ELCA, you'll find helpful news and information on our programs and activities and stories of how together we are living out our purpose and mission. Great program ideas! Visit [www.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.org) and under *Publications* you have the option to sign up for *Bold Connections* today!

You will also discover blogs, *DAILY GRACE*, and podcasts when you go to WELCA’s website—[www.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.org).

Yes, the times they are a-changin’. One thing for sure, we have the time...Let’s make the effort to enrich, enlighten, educate and enjoy. Experiment! Try any or all of these choices. The *Holy Time* Bible Study will be done on Zoom. As our Purpose Statement says, **As a community of women ...We commit ourselves to GROW in faith .**

—Lois Griffiths

## WORKSHOP NEWS

**MASKS!** We continue sewing masks and donating wherever there is a need. Calls are most recently coming in from schools as they prepare to open. Although we distributed only 107 masks at our recent Mask Give-away, we have donated **2167** masks throughout the community to:

Beacon Clinic of Health and Hope  
 Frey Village  
 Butler Street Senior Living  
 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
 Christian Churches United  
 Medical Outreach Clinic Geisinger-HS  
 Commonwealth Senior Living  
 Paxton Ministries  
 Ecumenical Communities  
 RESTORE (Habitat for Humanity)  
 Family Promise  
 The Jewish Home  
 Paxtang Elementary

as well as to family and friends.

We continue to sew for In-Gathering in October, working to complete school kits and quilts. We are still in need of school supplies which will probably only be on sale until September 1, so try to shop now. We are especially in need of notebooks (single subject, 70 sheets), pens (blue and black), pencil sharpeners, crayons, and erasers. Thanks so much for helping us complete these kits for needy children throughout the world!

## Eagle Scout Project UPDATE



Thank you for your support of Jonah Petruschke's Eagle Scout Project, the Duty to God Sign. With more than half of the funds raised for the project, plans are proceeding for the construction of the sign, which will replace Good Shepherd's sign at the corner of Rutherford Street and Wilhelm Road. Thank you for helping Jonah attain the rank of Eagle Scout status!

## R3 NEWS

The R3 team met on August 13, 2020, to review the Community Mask Give-away event and talk about future plans. A Zoom session with Coach Godfred is scheduled September 9, 2020.

The next team training session will take place on September 19, 2020.

## Devotional Mailings

Devotional materials available at Good Shepherd may be mailed to your home upon request.

If you would like to receive *The Upper Room*, *Christ in Our Home*, or *Word in Season* via U.S. Mail, please contact the church office (717-564-0385 or [goodshepherdpaxtang@gmail.com](mailto:goodshepherdpaxtang@gmail.com)).

# FREY VILLAGE



## GRANDPARENTS' DAY CAR PARADE

SEPT. 11  11 A.M.

*Join us!*

*We encourage participants to decorate their vehicles  
with window markers, signs, etc. ... Be creative!*

Please RSVP to Tracy at (717) 930-1225 by Sept. 1.

*Help bring joy to our residents with this healthy, fun event!*



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# ANNABELLE SAYLOR HONORED

The Courtyard Pavilion at Frey Village was recently renamed “The Annabelle Saylor Pavilion” in recognition of Annabelle’s 18+ years of volunteer service to Frey Village. A dedication ceremony was held in Annabelle’s honor on Wednesday, August 12, with family present. During the ceremony, Annabelle also formally received her LeadingAge PA Volunteer of the Year award, which recognized her for enhancing the quality of life of seniors through volunteer work for the benefit of the residents, member organizations, and/or the greater community.



*Congratulations to Annabelle Saylor!*

## WORSHIP SPONSORSHIPS

	Flowers \$25	Bulletins \$30	Lamps \$10
Sept. 6	Frischkorn	Stewart	
Sept. 13			Buskey
Sept. 20	Switaj		
Sept. 27	Bricker	Buskey	

*A central calendar is also posted in the narthex of the nave . Sign your name to that calendar as well and turn in the form to the office. We can also do double dedications.*

## Sponsorship Form

Please return this slip with your contribution to the church office.

Dedications are printed in the bulletin each week.

For Sunday, \_\_\_\_\_ 2020

\_\_\_ Flowers (\$25)      \_\_\_ Bulletins (\$30)      \_\_\_ Lamps (\$10)

\_\_\_ To the Glory of God    \_\_\_ In Memory Of    \_\_\_ In Honor Of    \_\_\_ In Celebration Of

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Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

# September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><b>Celebrate</b> <i>the work of our hands</i></p> <p><b>Labor Day</b></p>		<p>1 9:30 a.m. Women's Workshop (ASH)</p>	<p>2 9:30 a.m. W&amp;S (Nave) also streamed on Facebook Live</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 10 a.m. DeafCAN! (ASH)  5 p.m. W &amp; S (Nave)</p>
<p>6 8:30 a.m. W&amp;S (Nave) also streamed on Facebook Live 10 a.m. W&amp;S (Nave) <b>FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY</b></p>	<p>7 <b>LABOR DAY</b> Church Office <b>CLOSED</b>  6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop &amp; Pack 42 (ASH)</p>	<p>8 9:30 a.m. Women's Workshop (ASH) 1:15 p.m. WELCA Board (Library)</p>	<p>9 9:30 a.m. W&amp;S (Nave) also streamed on Facebook Live 6:30 p.m. Mission &amp; Ministry Committee (Library)</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 10 a.m. DeafCAN! (ASH)  5 p.m. W &amp; S (Nave)</p>
<p>13 8:30 a.m. W&amp;S (Nave) also streamed on Facebook Live 10 a.m. W&amp;S (Nave) <b>OCT. CALL DEADLINE</b></p>	<p>14 9:30 a.m. WELCA (TBD) 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop &amp; Pack 42 (ASH) 7 p.m. Council (Library)</p>	<p>15 9:30 a.m. Women's Workshop (ASH)</p>	<p>16 9:30 a.m. W&amp;S (Nave) also streamed on Facebook Live</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 10 a.m. DeafCAN! (ASH)  5 p.m. W &amp; S (Nave)</p>
<p>20 8:30 a.m. W&amp;S (Nave) also streamed on Facebook Live 10 a.m.</p>	<p>21 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop &amp; Pack 42 (ASH)  7 p.m. Finance Committee (via Zoom)</p>	<p>22 9:30 a.m. Women's Workshop (ASH)</p>	<p>23 9:30 a.m. W&amp;S (Nave) also streamed on Facebook Live</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 10 a.m. DeafCAN! (ASH)  5 p.m. W &amp; S (Nave)</p>
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## Strengthening Families to Nurture Faith FREE Webinar

Vibrant Faith will offer a free webinar on  
**Tuesday, September 1, 2020**  
**from Noon until 1:30 p.m.**

To register, access this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/catalyst-webinar-strengthening-families-to-nurture-faith-tickets-116894627979>

Five veteran leaders in faith formation will present their research, experience, and knowledge of what they have learned about passing on the faith at home, and what that means for the future of strengthening families to nurture faith. The five presenters include The Reverend Dr. Dick Hardel, The Reverend Dr. David Anderson, Marilyn Sharpe, Lyle Griner, and Linda Staats – all who remain actively involved in ministry today utilizing the research and experience that has been effective for more than 30 years. Each of the presenters on this panel has a passion for family ministry and have been teachers, consultants, and coaches to congregations across the country and around the world for many years. They each bring the gift of a holistic approach to family ministry involving all ages. They will provide you with wisdom accrued over 30 years and how that can influence and shape the future of family faith formation.

To learn more about Vibrant Faith's MasterClasses, or to get a MasterClass Season Pass, visit: <https://vibrantfaith.org/training/masterclass/>

### **Purpose**

Saved by God's Grace, led by the Holy Spirit, and nurtured by Word and Sacrament, the Good Shepherd congregation seeks to live and demonstrate Christ's love and acts through worship, prayer, fellowship and outreach.

### **Principles**

The key principles that the congregation of Good Shepherd utilizes as its foundation in fulfilling its purpose are as follows:

### **We, the congregation, are:**

1. Worshiping the Holy Trinity: God, the Father, as Creator, Jesus as Savior, and the Holy Spirit as Comforter;
2. Demonstrating and embodying God's love to all;
3. Spreading the word of God with the community and world around us;
4. Living in service to God and others; and
5. Sharing God's abundant gifts.

Adopted by the Congregation council of Good Shepherd on September 13, 2010.



### **Church Office**

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday

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### **Holy Eucharist**

5:00 p.m. Saturday (Nave)

8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Sunday (Nave)

9:30 a.m. Wednesday (Nave)