

THE FLOCK'S NEWS

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SUMMER MINISTRIES: GROWING FAITH AND HAVING FUN!

As I write this cover letter article, it is so nice to look out our front window and see the sun shining, especially after day after day of a deluge of rain. The sun reminds me that summer is on its way. And with the summer comes Good Shepherd's summer ministries.

Coming up in June, the week of the 18th through the 22nd, we'll be having Vacation Bible School, from 9-12 noon, Monday through Friday. The theme this year is, "Helping Hands: God's Plan." The focus of all the fun from games and snacks to Bible Adventures and crafts is the Good Samaritan. The V.B.S. Program is open to children who are 3 years of age up to 6th grade. And it's not just children who have a good time at V.B.S. Grown-ups and teenagers have as much fun volunteering as the children do participating. You can pick up a registration form at church or register online at vbs.goodshepherdwb.org.

Another exciting program that began last year is the, "Incredible Creations Kids' Club." This is an exciting once a week program for elementary aged children who, through the creative leadership of Becky Phillips and Matt Buckman, will explore their God given talents in the areas of music, art, dance and drama, as well as making lots of gooey slime! The program will begin on Wednesday July 11th and will meet every Wednesday evening throughout the summer. Each action packed evening starts off with the children having dinner at 5:00 and ends after the creative activity at 7:30. And don't forget to mark on your calendar, Sunday, July 29th, to come to Kirby Park, Pavilion #3 for the Church Picnic. There will be fun for all ages. Outdoor worship in the park will begin at 12:00 noon, followed by a delicious picnic. Hamburgers, hot dogs and ice cold water will be provided by the church. Members are asked to bring either a side dish and/or a dessert. There will be a sign-up in the narthex in July for what members are bringing.

And adults: stay tuned for another Movie Night coordinated by WELCA that will be happening sometime in July. Date and movie will be highlighted in the July newsletter.

Summer is upon us now: a time to relax and have fun. So don't miss out on the action packed and faith filled summer ministries happening at Good Shepherd.

Peace,

Pastor Janell Wigen

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SHARING GOD'S ABUNDANT GRACE

FIVE YOUTH CONFIRMED



Five youth were confirmed through the Affirmation of Baptism at the 11:00 am worship service on Pentecost Sunday, May 20th. The youth completed three years of instruction building a deeper understanding of Christian faith and Lutheran beliefs. Their lifelong faith journey now continues as adult members of Good Shepherd. Pictured from left to right with the pastors are Brook, Logan, Samantha, Colin, and Summer.



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Summer Worship schedule begins Sunday, June 17th, with one at 9:30 am. Come join in worship at Good Shepherd as one community!



worship service worshipping

JOIN US ON JUNE 2 FOR AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL!



**FREE
COMMUNITY
ICE CREAM
SOCIAL**

**EVERYONE IS
INVITED TO
JOIN US FOR
ICE CREAM AND
FELLOWSHIP**

**ACTIVITIES
FOR CHILDREN
TO INTRODUCE
OUR SUMMER
PROGRAMS**

**SATURDAY JUNE 2ND 2:00PM
GOOD SHEPHERD
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Main & South Streets
Wilkes Barre**

INCREDIBLE CREATIONS KIDS' CLUB



The Incredible Creations Kids Club program helps children to explore their God given talents in a fun-filled atmosphere through music, art, dance and drama. The program is open to all children from the community. The summer program features weekly activities led by Becky Phillips and Matt Buckman.

The summer program will be kicked off with a community barbecue on Wednesday, July 12th, at 5:00 pm. Everyone is invited to for fellowship and to learn more about this exciting program. The weekly program will continue each Wednesday through August 22nd.

Registration forms will be available at the community barbecue and can also be downloaded at goodshepherdwb.org/resources/ICKCRegistration.pdf.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

HELPING HANDS – GOD'S PLAN

Vacation Bible School is almost here. VBS is an exciting faith formation program for children three years old through sixth grade. This year kids will learn how they can be God's helping hands by helping their neighbor. Each day will be an interactive Bible experience based on the story of the Good Samaritan. Interactive learning is experienced through music, drama, crafts, and games.



One way the children will experience being Helping Hands is through our Kids Helping Kids Samaritan project. We will be collecting items to HELP boost the spirits of children when they are ill are injured. You can help by dropping off donations of story books, coloring books, crayons, puzzles, puzzle books, etc. in the church narthex through June 25th. These donations will be given to the Ronald McDonald House in Scranton to help bring a smile

to a child going through a difficult time.

VBS 2018 will take place June 18th through 22nd from 9am to noon. Pre-registration is encouraged to insure we have enough supplies for all children attending. Online registration is available online at vbs.goodshepherdwb.org. Registration forms are also available in the church narthex.

VBS is free to all children attending through the generosity of our VBS sponsors. Sponsor envelopes are available in the church narthex.

GOOD SHEPHERD TO HOST SERVICE PROJECT AT THE NEPA SYNOD ASSEMBLY



The NEPA Synod Assembly will be happening this year in our back yard at the Mohegan Sun Arena in Wilkes-Barre. The theme for the assembly this year is, "Sharing Ministries – Building Relationships." There will be various service projects happening around Wilkes-Barre including at Good Shepherd. On Friday, June 8th, from 5:30 to 7:00, six members of our synod assembly will join the Incredible Creations Kids' Club that will be happening in the Fellowship Hall. The service project will start off with dinner and then the children along with members from the synod will create a mural that will focus on creation. All children are welcome to join us for this fun filled evening.

Please let Becky Phillips, Matt Buckman, Guy French or Pastor Janell Wigen know if your child is interested in participating in this synod assembly service project.

PEW ENVELOPES: WHITE OR GREEN??

The pew envelope racks now contain both white and green offering envelopes for your convenience in making both designated and non-designated offerings to the church. Please use the white envelope if you are a contributing member and have forgotten your regular offering envelope or would like to make an additional offering or are a non-member/visitor and would like to make an offering to any of the funds listed on the white envelope. Please use a green envelope if you are a member or a non-member/visitor and you would like to make a contribution to any of the funds listed on the green envelope or want to designate to a different fund or ministry not listed. Contributing members, please include your name and/or envelope number on either type of envelope for proper crediting. Also, please note that, going forward, any non-designated monies listed on the white envelope will be credited toward "Weekly" and any non-designated monies listed on the green envelope will be credited toward "Communion." Therefore, if you are only making an offering toward "Weekly", please use the white envelope. Thank you in advance for your support of the ministries of Good Shepherd.

Jim Parks, Financial Secretary.

MARKET ON THE POND

The community is invited to donate items that can be used at the fundraiser for Market on the Pond, Saturday June 16th at the Meadows Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 4 East Center Hill Road, Dallas. See or contact Lynn Mucher-Stash for more information: 570-690-1418.

