



*The Evangelical Lutheran Church
Of the Good Shepherd
501 Fairfield Drive
Greensburg, PA 15601*

November 9, 2014

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
A congregation of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

"We are a caring family of God nourished by the Word, guided by the Holy Spirit to share the love of Jesus Christ."

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Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am. to 2:00 pm.

Music Director

Nancy Flinner

Organist

Jean Brunot

We welcome all visitors with us and ask that you sign our guest register. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to consider the Good Shepherd family.

ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Children may come forward for a blessing. During communion, we offer wine and grape juice, if you would like to receive grape juice do not bring a cup, it will be provided by the Worship Assistant.

Our congregation's Stephen Ministry equips gifted lay people to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian Care to individuals in our congregation who are experiencing difficulties in their lives and extends the care that Pastor Frank continues to provide.

If you could benefit from the confidential, one-to-one care and support of a Stephen Minister, please speak to Pastor Frank. Or you may refer to the Stephen Ministry flyers and cards available in the pew racks.

Please take a moment to fill out a yellow RCR card located in the pews. Please place completed cards in the offering plate.

When you see the following symbol "+", please stand.

Service of the Word and Sacrament
November 9, 2014
Veteran's Sunday
8:30 & 10:30 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASK THE CONGREGATION (10:30)

PRELUDE (Silent Meditation Time)

"REMEMBRANCE"

G. MEDLOCK

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
The Sovereign over all the earth, the Wisdom from on high, our merciful Judge and Savior.
Amen.

Let us boldly approach the throne of grace, trusting in God's mercy and love.

Generous and faithful God,

We confess to you all the ways, known and unknown, that we reject and undermine your steadfast love. Though you made us your people, we treat strangers with suspicion. Though you forgave our debts, we collect without mercy. Yet we are quick to pass judgment on others. Have mercy on us, O God, and remember your promise to us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Through the living Word, +Jesus Christ, God forgives your every debt, your every sin, and gives you a new heart and a new spirit.
Amen.

+ GATHERING HYMN

"THIS IS MY SONG"

ELW 887

+ APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

+ HYMN OF PRAISE (WOMEN VERSES 1 & 3, MEN VERSES 2 & 4)

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 70

¹Be pleased, O God, to de-^liver me;

O LORD, make ^haste to help me.

²**Let those who seek my life be put to shame ^l and confounded;**

let those who take pleasure in my misfortune

draw back and ^l be disgraced. R

³Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat ^l over me

turn back because ^l of their shame.

⁴**Let all who seek you rejoice and be ^l glad in you;**

let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great ^l is the LORD!"

⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick-^lly, O God.

You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, ^l do not tarry. R

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

The holy gospel according to St. _____, the _____ chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"O BEAUTIFUL FOR SPACIOUS SKIES"

ELW 888

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.*
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

*Or, He descended to the dead.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Remembering the saints who have gone before us and giving thanks for God's blessings, we pray for the church, all in need, and God's good creation.

A brief silence.

Holy God, we desire your wisdom and instruction. Fill our gatherings with your spirit of joy, that the church's daily work be life-giving. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Word of life, as you spoke this good creation into being, guide our actions and help us renew and protect the earth's resources. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Judge of the nations, guide us to bring down barriers so peace will flow over all nations like an ever-flowing stream. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Healer of our every ill, teach us to be watchful for people who need healing, especially for people whose needs are easily overlooked. (*Especially we pray for . . .*) Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Righteous Teacher, guide our congregation that we will, in all circumstances, encourage one another with words of peace, forgiveness, and mercy. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Eternal One, we give you thanks for all the saints who lived and died in faith. Grant us one day to know also the full measure of your eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and hopes, Good Shepherd, and bring us safely into all joy and peace, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (8:30)

“BERCEUSE”

C. DELBRUCK

ANTHEM (10:30)

“HEAL OUR LAND”

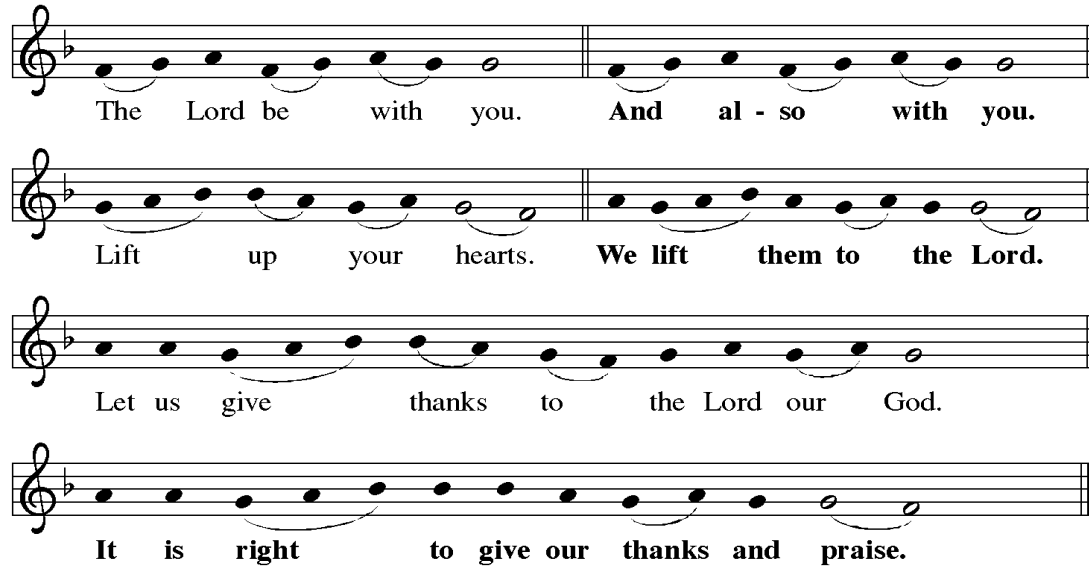
SENIOR CHOIR

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

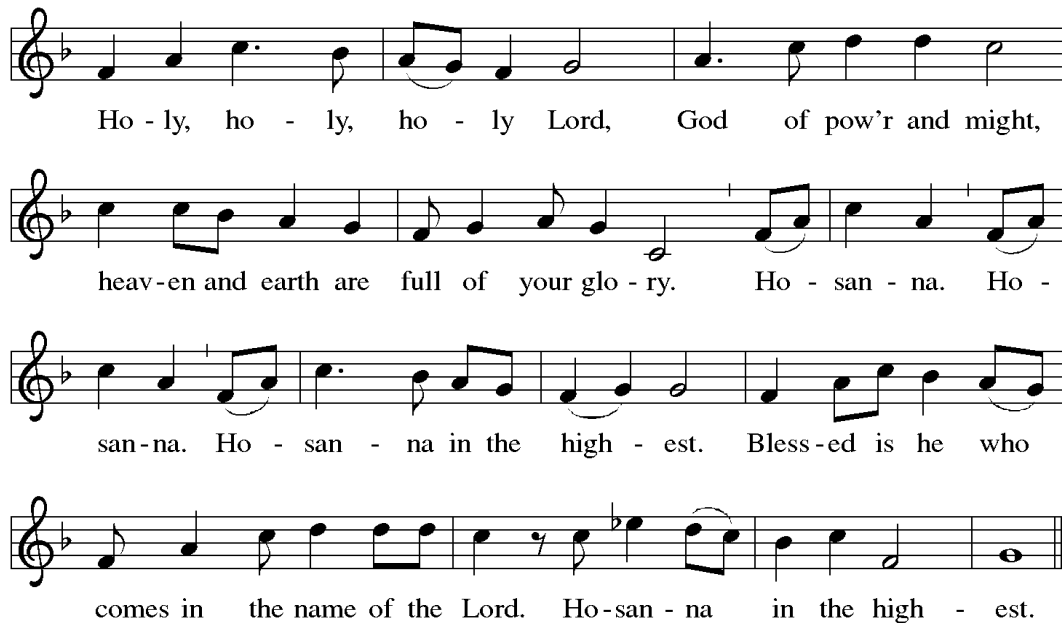
A Merciful God,
C as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.
Amen.

+ GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
the promise to Israel,
the rescue from Egypt,
the gift of the promised land,
the words of the prophets;
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we who share in Christ's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants
of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

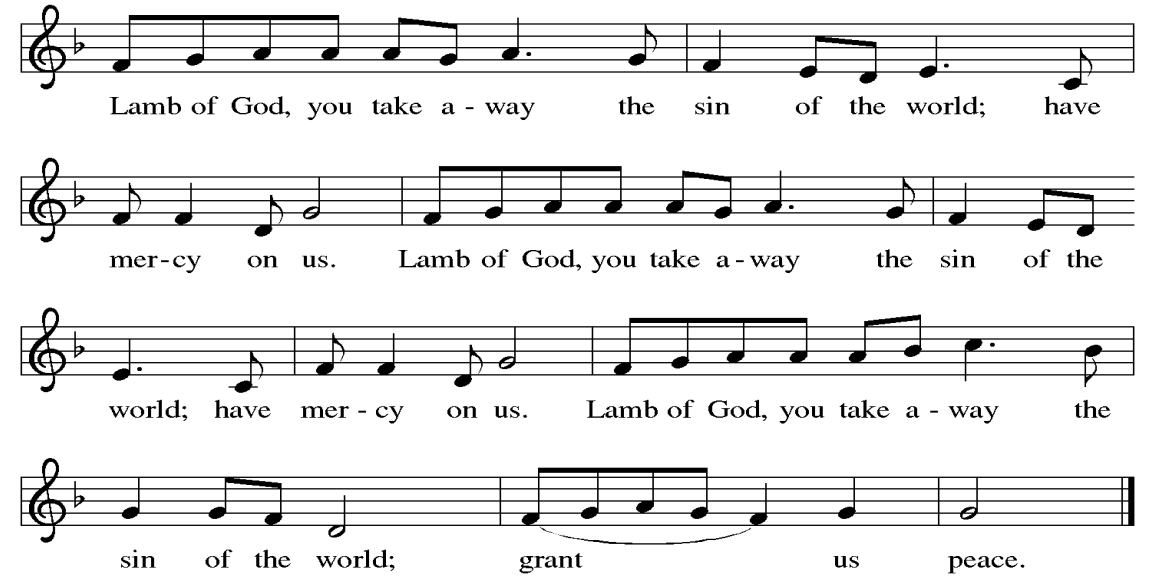
**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The reign of God is at hand, Come, taste the joy prepared for you.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

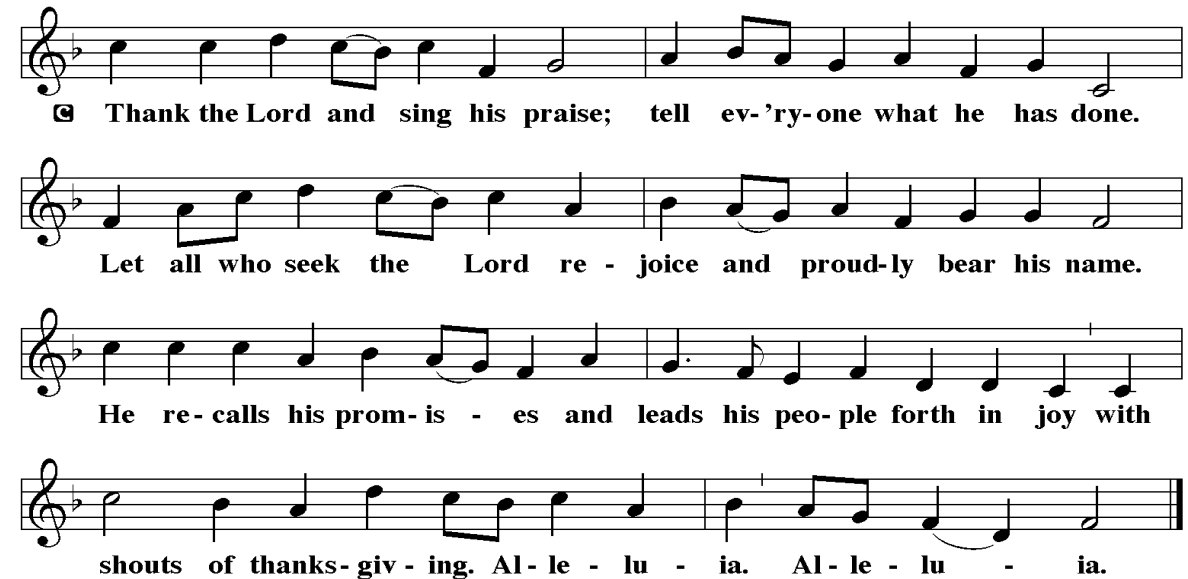
*During the distribution the congregation and choir shall join in singing **Lamb of God***



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please continue singing during distribution of communion the following hymns: ELW 481, 891, 893, 471..

+ POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



☒ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.
He re-calls his prom- is - es and leads his peo- ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks- giv - ing. Al- le - lu - ia. Al- le - lu - ia.

+ POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

O God, the host at every meal, at this table you spread out a feast for all peoples, the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Send us from this banquet to invite others into these good things, to let justice roll down like waters, and to care for the least of our sisters and brother; through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and our Savior.

Amen.

+A PRAYER TO VETERANS

+ BENEDICTION

The blessing of Almighty God, the Father of glory, + Jesus Christ our peace, and the Spirit of truth, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN *“MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY”* **ELW 890**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“AMERICA”

W. HELD

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ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the honor and glory of God by Karen Coates Gesalman in memory of soulmate, Eric Coates and Grandmother, Fern Gesalaman in honor of her birthday.

THE ROSE ON THE ALTAR announces the birth of Eleanor Bailey, daughter of Kayla (Morgan) and Taylor Colasont of Queen Creek, Arizona. She is the Great Granddaughter of Sally Hall.

A LIVING GIFT has been designated by Jim & Dorothy Stewart to the Air Conditioning Fund in loving memory of their daughter, Kathy Gorman on the anniversary of her birthday.

SERVING TODAY:	8:30	10:30
Worship Assistant	Open	Brady Luffy
Lector	Jennifer Connor	Youth
Acolyte	Maddie Rife	Jaden Biller
Crucifer	XXX	Mathew Smith
Torchbearers	XXX	XXX
Greeters	Open	Youth
Ushers	Open	Youth
Altar Guild	Barb Henderson	Janet Ambrose
Counters		Jack Gesalman & Bill Benton

<i>GIVING REPORT</i>	
<i>NOVEMBER 2, 2014</i>	
<i>BUDGET</i>	<i>\$179,129.72</i>
<i>GIVING</i>	<i>\$152,619.75</i>
<i>BEHIND</i>	<i>\$ 26,509.97</i>
<i>IF ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT SALLY HALL OR SUSAN MARIANI.</i>	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to the following youth for participating in the 10:30 service today honoring our veterans.

Jaden Biller
Madison Dunn
Tyler Fauth
Michael Hook
Brady Luffy
Jamie Luffy
Dakoda Perry
Abigail Podolinski
Jacob Podolinski
Madison Ryan
Peyton Ryan
Bailey Smith
Matthew Smith

Please join us following the 10:30 service for a small reception honoring our veterans.

Please be considerate to those around you and observe silence during the prelude and service. This time is designed for personal meditation.

- Don't forget to respond and let us know how many will be attending the catered Consecration Luncheon on November 23rd after the 10:30 service. You can respond by: (1) completing the response form you received by mail and placing in the offering plate, (2) respond via the website @ www.goodshepherdgbg.org/celebration-luncheon/ or (3) call the church office 724-834-1940.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Christmas Choir began on Thursday, October 23rd. Practice will be 7:00 pm. until 7:45 pm. All are welcome (especially altos) to join us. The concert is Sunday, December 14th at the 10:30 service.

There will be only one service on Sunday, November 23rd – **10:30 am.**

CHRISTMAS CRECHE SHOW

All are invited! No charge! A lovely display of Nativities in all sizes, shapes and materials.
Thursday & Friday – December 4 & 5 (4:00 pm. – 8:00 pm.)
Saturday – December 6 (11:00 am. – 3:00 pm.)
First United Methodist Church
15 East Second Street, Greensburg, PA

MEALS ON WHEELS is looking for a driver that would be available to deliver on Mondays. Contact the church office (724)834-1940.

Important Dates

November 22 & 23

Harvest Home Weekend
Christ the King Weekend
Consecration Weekend

November 23
December 7
December 13
December 14

Celebration Luncheon
Advent Dinner 5:00 pm.
Craft Bazaar
Christmas Concert - 10:30 service

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF November 9 - 16, 2014

Today is "Meals on Wheels Cookie" Sunday

Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Sunday School
	9:30 am. – 10:20 am.	Fellowship Coffee
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
	@11:30 am.	Veteran's Day Luncheon
	7:00 pm.	Bell Practice
Monday	6:30 pm.	Webelos I
Tuesday	9:00 am. – 12:00 pm.	Brunot in Sanctuary
	10:00 am. – 2:00 pm.	Chat-n-Sew
	1:00 pm.	Parkinson's Support Group
	3:00 pm.	Kindermusik
	7:00 pm.	Books, Games & Scriptures
	7:00 pm.	Caregiver Support Group
Wednesday	9:30 am.	Kindermusik
	10:00 am.	Bible Study
	6:30 pm.	Pack 416
	7:00 pm.	Bible Study
Thursday	6:00 pm.	Lakeridge Homeowners
	7:00 pm.	Christmas Choir
	7:00 pm.	Caravan 8
	7:45 pm.	Choir Practice
Friday	10:00 pm. – 3:00 pm.	Bridge Club
	6:00 pm.	Brownies
Saturday	8:30 am.	Food Drive
	5:00 pm.	Youth Pie Making
	5:30 pm.	Holy Communion
Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
	9:30 am.	Sunday School
	9:30 am. – 10:20 am.	Fellowship Coffee
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
	6:30 pm.	K – 5 Youth Group
	6:30 pm.	7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation
	7:00 pm.	Bell Practice