



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

*September 21, 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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Music Director

Nancy Flinner

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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  
September 21, 2014  
“Time after Pentecost”  
8:30 & 10:30 am.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE (Silent Meditation Time)**

**“JESUS THOU ART MINE”**

**J.S. BACH**

**+ 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 others 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**

**“RISE UP O SAINTS OF GOD”**

**ELW 669**

**+ 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.**

**+ KYRIE**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

+ HYMN OF PRAISE

## Glory to God

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual loving kindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Jonah 3:10—4:11

### Chapter 3

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

### Chapter 4

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup>And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" <sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

<sup>6</sup>The Lord GOD appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush.

<sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

<sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." <sup>10</sup>Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 145:1–8**

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, my | God and king,  
and bless your name forev- | er and ever.

<sup>2</sup>**Every day | will I bless you  
and praise your name forev- | er and ever.**

<sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised!  
There is no end | to your greatness.

<sup>4</sup>**One generation shall praise your works | to another  
and shall de- | clare your power. R**

<sup>5</sup>I will speak of the glorious splendor | of your majesty  
and all your | marvelous works.

<sup>6</sup>**They shall tell of the might of your | wondrous acts,  
and I will re- | count your greatness.**

<sup>7</sup>They shall publish the remembrance of | your great goodness;  
they shall sing joyfully | of your righteousness.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love. R**

**SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21–30**

<sup>21</sup>For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. <sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well — <sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16**

The holy gospel according to St. \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ chapter.



For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' <sup>7</sup>They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The gospel of the Lord.



## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY**    *“IF YOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE YOU”*    ELW 769

## APOSTLES 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**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

Generous God, you claim us as your own and your church declares your greatness. Make all who serve you, especially our bishops, pastors, missionaries, diaconal ministers, and chaplains serving institutions and the military, firm in one spirit. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

The goodness of your creation is a celebration of your mighty acts. Enable us to appreciate the smallest to the largest of wonders and to be worthy stewards of all your gifts. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

People of all nations sing aloud of your righteousness. Incite us to commit acts of peace, break down barriers, crush complacency, and stand up to intolerance. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Strengthen those who suffer (*especially*). Transform pain into purpose, sorrow into courage, fear into generosity, and loneliness into compassion. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Form the desire of our congregation to live as the body of Christ in the world. Place among us overflowing fonts and tables set as a feast for all people. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

The lives of your saints (*especially Matthew, apostle and evangelist*) are evidence of your salvation. Give meaning to all our days, then grant us peaceful deaths and unite us with those we love in praising your name. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your mercy and goodness, we bring before you these prayers and whatever else you see that we need, in the name of the one who sets us free, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY (8:30)**

*“TENDER SHEPHERD”*

*D. ELIOT*

**ANTHEM (10:30)**

*“RISE UP, O MEN OF GOD”*

**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**

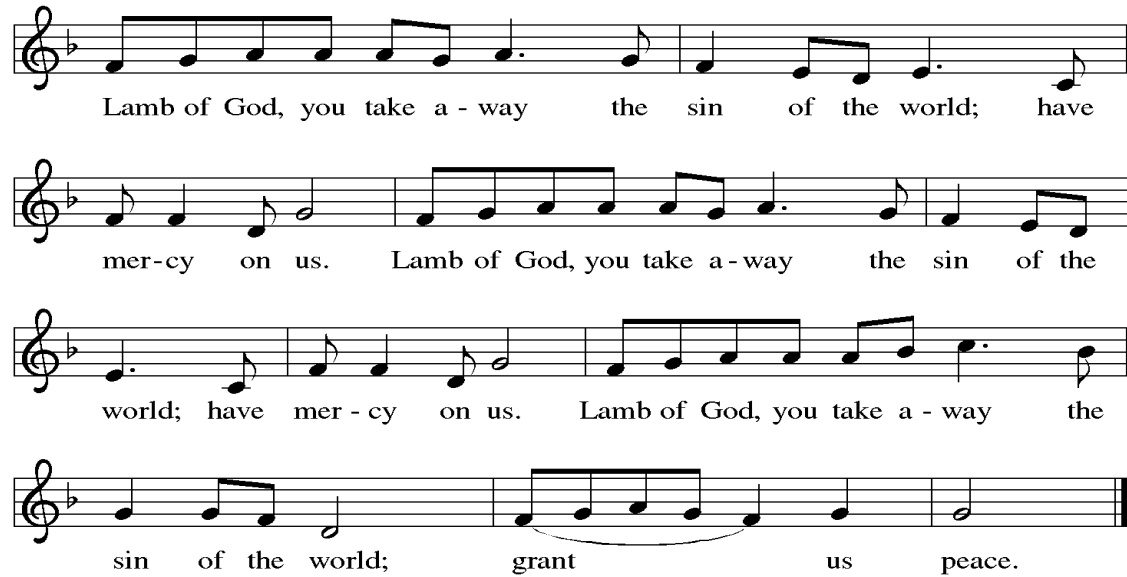
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from 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

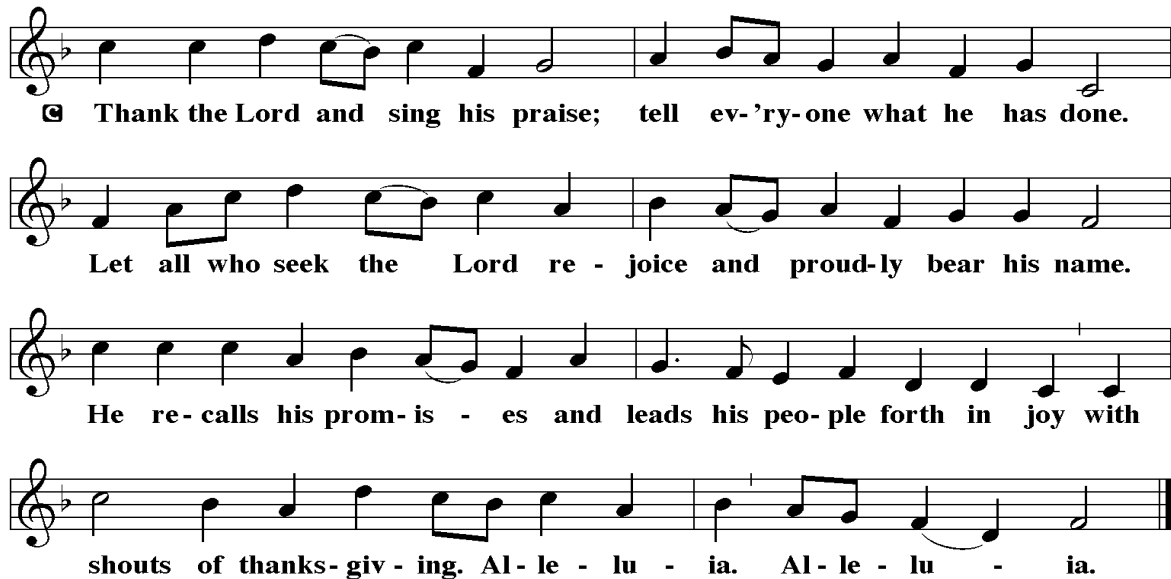
During the distribution the congregation and choir shall join in singing *Lamb of God*



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 468, 853, 688.

## + 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.**

## + 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

*“SIGNS AND WONDERS”*

ELW 672

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*“RONDO GIOSO”*

*J. HASSLER*

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**ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the honor and glory of God.

**LIVING GIFTS** have been designated by:

Mark & Lynda Gesalman to Tri-City Meals on Wheels in honor of their wedding anniversary.

John & Sue Strasser to the Air Condition Fund in loving memory of Sue's mother, Susan Siko on the one year anniversary of her passing, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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<b>SERVING TODAY:</b>	8:30	10:30
Worship Assistant	Open	Open
Lector	Tammy Welsh	Andrew Fox
Acolyte	Taylor Dunn	Abigail Fox
Crucifer	XXX	Tyler Fauth
Torchbearers	XXX	XXX
Greeters	Open	Howard & Mary Ann McMurtrie
Ushers	Open	Andrew Fox
Altar Guild	Barbara Henderson	Erin Hill
Counters		Eleanor Besser & Helen Bell

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Altar Guild** is in need of help at the 5:30 Saturday & 8:30 Sunday services. Anyone willing to help, please call Mina Rutter (724)832-1285.

The Food Cupboard is in need of canned fruit and soups as well as pasta sauce (no pasta). Thank you.

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

There is a need for greeters at the 10:30 service. If you are interested in greeting, please contact Linda Harbaugh at 724-837-8361.

**KERYGMA BIBLE STUDY** resumed on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. This is a 15 week course on the New Testament. Bible Study will be offered at 10:00 am. and 7:00 pm. It is not too late to sign up.

**Youth Group**  
**September 21, 2014**  
**K – 5**  
**2:00pm. – 4:00 pm.**

**6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**6:30 pm. – 7:45 pm.**

### Important Dates

September 21

September 30

October 5

October 12

K-5 Youth Group

6 – 12 Youth Group

Life Line Screening

Pet Blessing

Fall Potluck

## *Life Line Screening*

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF September 21 - 28, 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
	2:00 pm. – 4:00 pm.	K – 5 Youth Group
	6:30 pm. – 7:45 pm.	6 – 12 Youth Group
Monday	10:15 am.	RHP Chapel & Music
	6:30 pm.	Webelos I
	7:00 pm.	Stephen's Ministry
Tuesday	9:00 am. – 12:00 pm.	Brunot
	10:00 am. – 2:00 pm.	Chat-n-Sew
	3:00 pm.	Kindermusik
Wednesday	9:30 am.	Newsletter Folding
	9:30 am.	Kindermusik
	10:00 am.	Bible Study
	6:45 pm.	Troop 416
	7:00 pm.	Bible Study
Thursday	11:30 am.	RHP Board Meeting
	6:30 pm.	Dryridge
	7:30 pm.	Choir Practice
Friday	10:00 am. – 3:00 pm.	Bridge Club
Saturday	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

This event is sponsored by Life Line Screening. Good Shepherd is simply the facility that the event will take place. If you have any questions about the screening, please call 1-888-653-6441. Thank you.

Do you know how to recognize the warning signs of a stroke? If you or someone you know is experiencing any of the below symptoms, call 911 right away. It is important to seek medical treatment immediately.

- Sudden Numbness
- Difficulty Speaking
- Severe Dizziness
- Loss of Coordination
- Sudden Loss of Vision
- Sudden Intense Headache
- Brief Loss of Consciousness

Protect your health by finding out your risk of having a stroke by participating in the Life Line Screening that will be at Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd on Tuesday, September 30, 2014. Through ultrasound we evaluate the carotid arteries for the buildup of fatty plaque, which is the leading cause of stroke.

Register today for the Stroke, Vascular & Heart Rhythm package, which includes four screenings: carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and atrial fibrillation. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners).**