



# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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Dear people, grace and peace to you from our Savior, Jesus Christ. How wonderful it was to be with you for the first time June 26<sup>th</sup>! I am so excited to be leading and serving with you all. As we look ahead together, let us cast a vision for ministry at Good Shepherd – a vision of the Kingdom of God come alive here in Berwick where everyone is loved, celebrated, and cherished.

In the spirit of celebration, I want to celebrate all who have given furniture, decorations, time, gifts, and more in service to making the parsonage a home for me and my two cats. I am humbled and deeply grateful. I also give thanks for all those leaders who have stepped in to serve during the time this congregation had no full-time pastor. Your efforts did not go unnoticed and, again, I am deeply grateful.

As I continue to settle in to live and ministry in Berwick, there are some logistical things I want to share with you all. First and foremost – I love you all. There are a great many things to be done but nothing is more important than being with you so please, if you have any pastoral care concerns, do not hesitate to reach out. My cell phone number is (717)645-5365. All I ask is that you leave a message if I don't pick up so I know who called.

You are also welcome to drop by any time. I have an open door policy. If the door is open, please just come on in. If the door is closed, I am either in a private conversation or not present. If this is the case, please just call. I will be holding office hours at Good Shepherd Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00am-12:00pm and at Christ Episcopal Wednesdays and Fridays 10:00am-12:00pm. Please note these are times you are *likely* to find me in the office however there are occasions I may be out of the office on a visit.

Looking ahead at July and the later part of the summer there will be a great many opportunities for fellowship, worship, and service. I will announce these opportunities in worship and I will be using Good Shepherd's Facebook (Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Berwick, PA) and Instagram (@gslcberwick) for announcements as well.

Faithful servants, let me offer this prayer as we begin our ministry together: Gracious God, thank you for the spirit of generosity and the tidal wave of excitement you have stirred up in your people here at Good Shepherd. Guide our feet and be a light to our path so we might keep our eyes fixed on you – glorifying you in everything we do. Amen.

I love you all!

- Pastor Troy