

From the Pastor:

Brothers and sisters in Jesus,

This has been the most trying Lenten and Easter season I have ever experienced. As a Pastor, I love the holiness of Lent and celebrating the greatest festival of the year, Easter—the Resurrection of our Lord.

I was enjoying our Lenten discussions on the Way of the Cross. After experiencing two sessions, we had the snow storm and then I fell. Not only did this wipe out our mid-week Lenten services, it wiped me out personally. I couldn't do anything for myself; after surgery, I could do less. This left me unable to lead Palm Sunday worship, all of Holy Week and Easter. This was a depressing struggle for me.

Now, it was a time of releasing: a time to let God take care of me and heal me, a time to let others step in and help me. We were blessed in having Pastor Gary Dierolf covering worship services for us. Synod had no supplies available. Pastor Gary jumped right in, with little notice, and conducted worship while I recuperated.

At the same time, you as a congregation stepped in and saw that all was taken care of. Your support and caring were overwhelming. You continue to be there for me to help with whatever I need during worship.

I have seen you reaching out to others in need during my time as your Pastor. It is one of the ways you live the Gospel in your daily life, by reaching out to others in need. We need to do this not only on our own, but also when we see others in need. Living the Gospel is not easy, but trying is half the battle. We need to remember to ask ourselves, "What would Jesus want me to do in this situation?"

I can never thank you enough for all the wonderful support you gave me when I was recuperating. By that I mean, all the cards, calls, and prayers (I felt them). All those wonderful gestures helped me in my recovery. As I continue to heal, I will continue my ministry to the best of my ability. "With Christ, all things are possible." Phil. 4:13

Yours in Christ always,
Pastor Gary

Planning Ahead.....

WELCA Thankoffering
May 6

Food Bank Sunday
May 13

Family Game Night
May 19

Pentecost
May 20

In Touch Sunday
May 20

**Organ Recital and Coffee
Hour**
June 3

Music Appreciation Sunday
June 10

Team Lucas Fundraiser
June 10

**Bingo at
Fellowship Community**
June 12

Vacation Bible School
June 18-22

Vacation Bible School Sunday
June 24



From the Office of the Church Secretary...

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9:00 AM

STAFF

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Wednesdays from 11am to 1pm

Alex Haggerty

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Jennifer Driscoll

Church Secretary

John Moschella

Sexton

Congregation Council

Nicole Bogden President

Brian Dungan, Vice President

Roseann Koehler, Financial Secretary
(Roseann is not a member of Council)

Laurie Andrew, Executive Secretary

Alexis Saylor, Recording Secretary
(Alexis is not a member of Council)

Sarah Borger

JoLynn Claroni

Paul Evans III

Karen Hahn

Christopher Holub

Brenda Koch

Lisa Mann

Happy Birthday...

Dale Beltzner	May 1
Judy Fehr	May 1
Kelly Wiland	May 1
Maryann Edleman	May 2
Margaret Tobias	May 3
Vicky Brzozowski	May 6
Jason Bogden	May 7
Kyle Koehler	May 7
Jeffrey Dorn	May 11
Warren Hoffman	May 12
Nicole Layton	May 12
Emma Liebert	May 17
Kathleen Schwartz	May 18
Sharon Graver	May 19
Mary Dennis	May 21
Jane Dodson	May 21
Samuel Emery	May 21
Roseann Yelles	May 22
Lucas Miller	May 24
Edith Sanders	May 24
Cameron Sandt	May 24
Kevin Readinger	May 26
Breanne Labarre	May 27
Robert Osiecki	May 27
John Mann	May 29
Alfred Wiemann	May 29
Rena Yelles	May 29
Kimberly Sandt	May 30

Happy Anniversary...

Louis & Stephanie Schwarz	May 6
Richard & Carole Holub	May 8
William & Sally Sherman	May 12
Brynn & Nicole Layton	May 17
Jeffrey & Shelley Dorn	May 27
40 years!	
Dale & Helen Moyer	May 28

Parochial Report

Date	Attendance
3/4/2018	Church Cancelled
3/11/2018	127
3/18/2018	107
3/25/2018	96
TOTAL	330
AVG.	110

President's Corner

As the month of May comes along , I have been thinking with great concern about how the Church Council still has 2 open seats that need to be filled. Coming the end of December we will be left with a total of 5 open seats to fill. I am coming to my end as a Council member.

The Church needs its Council to make important decisions, and fix any concerns that may arise. There is a lot involved with running a church, so the more we have on board the easier the jobs will be. If you have opinions, suggestions and/or concerns, this is a position where you can express them. Just as Jesus needed his 12 Disciples to carry out his good works, our church needs its 12 disciples to see it carry out its good works.

I pray that each and every member thinks and prays hard and decides to step up to help, not only for the church, but for their God as well.

Please see me, Pastor, or any Church Council member for more information or to sign up.



God Bless,
Nicole

Nicole Bogden

March Financial Report

As of March 31, 2018

Current Balances	
Checking	\$5,726.52
Building Repair	\$5,286.26
Mem. Fund	\$4,073.23
Money Mkt	\$55,146.12
Christ. Ed. M.M.	\$11,274.26
CD's	\$90,587.73

	General	Building Repair	Memorial
March 4, 2018	Church	cancelled	
March 11, 2018	\$5,965.00		
March 18, 2018	\$3,051.00		\$235.00
March 25, 2018	\$2,198.00	\$35.00	
Income in March	\$11,214.00	\$35.00	\$235.00
March Expenses	\$15,574.93		



Good Shepherd Music Notes

Easter Greetings to all! I hope everyone enjoyed the Easter music program. The choir put in a tremendous amount of work to prepare for Holy Week and Easter and I would like to thank them for their efforts. Also, I would like to thank the congregation for the support you all pour out for our choir and the music program.

Moving ahead from Easter we have two special events coming up I would like to bring to your attention. First, on June 3 there will be an organ recital after church and coffee hour around 10:30am (or a little later if people are still chatting in the narthex). I will be presenting my senior graduation recital program, so grab some coffee and goodies and come back into the sanctuary to enjoy a concert! Secondly, on June 10, we will be having a music appreciation Sunday during regular worship to feature the choir and close out the choir year for the summer. The choir will be singing some of our favorite anthems from the past year and present a special service setting they have prepared. Hope to see you at these two exciting events!

Alex Haggerty
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Good Shepherd's Social Ministry Bingo Party

Fellowship Community
 3000 Fellowship Drive
 Whitehall Pa 18052

Good Shepherd's Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring a bingo party, on Tuesday, June 12, 2018, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Fellowship Community on a personal care unit. We are requesting the help of seven to eight people to conduct and play bingo. Youth 12 years of age accompanied with a parent are invited to volunteer. Additionally, donations are needed and will be greatly appreciated for bingo prizes. In the beginning of May, 2018, we will place a box in the Narthex for you to drop-off your donations. The wish list includes: Hand lotion, body lotion, emery boards, nail polish, cologne, body spray, sugar free candy, snacks, crackers, coloring books, colored pencils, and markers. If you are interested in helping the day of the event, please contact Judy Fehr or call JoLynn Claroni 610-746-3620.

Social Ministry's mission is to extend Christian compassion and helpfulness to the ill, the aged, the orphaned, the under privileged, the imprisoned, and in general to persons in need of assistance in body and soul. This is a wonderful way to help achieve this mission. We thank you in advance.

OUTREACH



Family Game Night
Ice Cream Social
Saturday, May 19th
5pm

Bring your favorite game(s).
Bring your favorite topping(s)!



Kreidersville Covered Bridge Festival
June 2nd & 3rd

Out Reach will have an information
table and kids games.

We are in need of some volunteers to help work the table.

June 2 11am - 7:30pm

June 3 12pm - 7:30pm

See the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



THANKOFFERING SERVICE

On Sunday, May 6th, the celebration of Thankoffering will be part of our service. Thankoffering is a part of the stewardship of the Women of the ELCA. Below is a history of the

long standing tradition which shows the powerful impact women can have on the church. Women of the ELCA and its predecessors were ahead of the times.

As we collect the Thankoffering today, we share in a tradition dating back to the 1800s, when Christian women formed “mite” or “cent” societies to support local and international missions. When others in the church said there was not enough money to carry out these projects, the women believed otherwise. Each woman collected offerings at home until the community of women gathered with thanks and praise to combine their offerings and offer them up to the mission. When Women of the ELCA formed more than 25 years ago, we committed to continue this tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings. Each year, in thousands of congregations, Thankofferings are collected to support the life-changing ministries of the churchwide women’s organization.

When you give to Thankofferings, your dollars support Women of the ELCA ministries that reach thousands of communities.

- Justice programs like Today’s Dream Tomorrow’s Reality, a network of racial justice advocates and educators who serve throughout the church
- Advocacy for the health and safety of women and children
- A publishing ministry providing *Gather* magazine, Bible Studies and free program resources that bring Lutheran theology to topics ranging from women’s health and prayer to stewardship and human trafficking.

To date, Women of the ELCA has given more than \$3.1 million in grants to domestic and international organizations, and more than \$630,000 in scholarships to Lutheran women. Your Thankofferings support the total outreach of Women of the ELCA to live out its mission—mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. Together, we do more than we could ever do apart, in gratitude for all God has given to us, and with hope for all that is to come.

On Sunday, May 6th, members of Good Shepherd Women of the ELCA will greet you in the narthex and give you an envelope you can use to help support the national and international programs of the Women of the ELCA. All funds received will be forwarded to the Synodical and National Women of the ELCA. Please consider contributing to these programs.



Calling all Graduates!

We would like to recognize anyone who is graduating from high school or college. Please give us a picture and a brief write-up of where you graduated from and your future plans so we can display it on the bulletin board. Pictures will be returned.

Information can be given to the church office.

Thank you.



REMINDER

All church members should have a name tag to wear, while at church.

If you do not, please contact the office to let Jennifer know.

We ask that everyone please wear your name tag to help any new members or visitors get to know you and our church.

Dear Good Shepherd Family,

Many thanks for the get well cards, prayers, concerns and personal visits from you all. I am recovering quite well from my accidental fall. Thanks be to God.



Yours in Christ,
Paul S. Evans, III

Dear Good Shepherd,

Thank you for all the prayers, get well wishes and cards I received after my recent surgery and hospital stay! Needless to say they were all very much appreciated!

Sincerely,
Brenda Druckenmiller



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Just a reminder that Sunday School is every Sunday at 10:15 a.m. All ages are encouraged to attend. So after church service please make your way down the hallway and find the classroom that is right for you. We also have a Nursery for newborn to 6 years old. We hope to see everyone.



Redner's Save-A-Tape

The Fundraising Committee will be taking care of the Redner's Save-A-Tape program. All you need to do is shop as usual and use your Redner's reward card at check out.

There is a new red box in the Narthex for the receipts to be placed.

We will be using the money received to go into the general fund.

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Mann.



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 Area Food Bank
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 PO Box 123
 Northampton, Pa. 18067
 Phone: 610-262-8030
 Fax: 610-440-0774
www.northamptonareafoodbank.org

Your support makes a significant difference in the lives of families in our community. On behalf of the board of directors, the volunteers, and especially the clients we are privileged to serve, many thanks for your kindness and generosity. At the present time, there is a need for peanut butter and jelly.

We have a noticeable increase in the numbers of families that we are currently serve. We welcome visitors and tours of our site and are actively looking for new volunteers to accommodate our changing needs.

If you are interested in a tour or volunteer opportunity, please call the food bank. We thank you.



Geraniums Pentecost Sunday May 20, 2018

ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED **BY MAY 8th**
\$3.00 PER PLANT

NO. OF PLANTS _____

YOUR NAME _____

TELEPHONE _____

SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION:

IN **HONOR** OF:

IN **MEMORY** OF:

SPONSORED BY:

*Please return this form to
Barb Wiemann, Carole Holub or Diane Hausman
with your payment*

*All plants will be planted outside to
beautify the church grounds*

MAY WORSHIP ASSISTANT LIST

(If you are unable to keep your scheduled time, please find someone else to fill in for you)

Date	Acolyte	Assisting Minister	Pouring Chalice	Chalice Bearer	Lector	CD Ministry	Nursery
May 6	Talbot Houck	Chris Holub	Barb Wiemann	Laurie Andrew	Chris Holub	Mark Weaver	Karen Hahn Emma Dungan
May 13	Conor Sandt	Laurie Andrew	Linda Siekonic	Donna Pavlick	Ben Bogden	Brenda Koch	Hope Eisenhard Alyssa Cantrell
May 20	Ahren Dennis	Jason Bogden	Mark Weaver	LeAnne Krill	Jessica Kirkpatrick	David Stimmel	Diane Kramer Josh Klusaritz
May 27	Alyssa Cantrell	Jason Bogden	Gail Loch	Laurie Andrew	Edwin Marshall	Barb Wiemann	Linda Houck Conor Sandt

Date	Ushers
5/6 & 5/13	Kyle Koehler, Morry Pulley, Donald Ruch, Doug Yelles
5/20 & 5/27	Forrest Koch, Nick Miller, Dean & Roseann Yelles

Good Shepherd is affiliated with Lehigh Valley Health Network Pastoral Care. If ever you are admitted to one of the Lehigh Valley Network Hospitals (Cedar Crest, Muhlenberg, 17th Street) or St. Luke's please give them code 232. This tells the hospital you are a member of our church. The Church Secretary calls daily to get an update to see if any members are hospitalized.

Pastoral Acts
Baptism

Quinn Lee Ritter
April 29, 2018

Due to space constraints, the Synod News will not be in this month's newsletter. Copies will be available on the table in the Narthex.

FOOD BANK

109 items in April



- Food Bank Sunday is the second Sunday of each month. Please bring your food items on that day and place them in the bins in the narthex. Good Shepherd is especially responsible for canned fruit, jelly, and applesauce. Of course, any food staples will be accepted on any Sunday. On the Second Sunday of the month (**May 13**) our prayers will include the food gifts, the recipients, and the donors.
- "IN TOUCH" Sunday is always the third Sunday of the month (**May 20**) Take a name of a member and send a card so they know we are thinking of them, remember them and wish them well and keeping them in our prayers.

Vacation Bible School

Written by: Our Christian Education Committee
Presents:



June 18 – June 22

9 AM - Noon

Age 3 through Grades 6

The Children will learn about God's Super Heroes and the special power they have through Bible Stories, games, crafts, snacks and songs.

Each child will need a white plain T- shirt. This t-shirt will be used during craft time. You can bring one in on the first day or purchase one at the registration table for \$3.00 each.

All offering collected during the week will go toward our Mission Project.

If you are interested in joining us, fill out the registration form and return it to the church. If you need more than one form you can make as many copies as needed.

Join us for our VBS CELEBRATION on Sunday, June 24th at our 9:00 AM worship service.



Vacation Bible School Volunteers

VBS will be upon us in no time. We are in need of some volunteers to help staff this year's event.

VBS will be held June 18th – June 22nd from 9:00AM – 12 Noon.

Here is a list of positions that need to be filled.

LEADERS- they take the children from center to center throughout the day. Need at least 2 leaders for each group (Preschool- K, 1st & 2nd grade, 3rd & 4th grade, 5th & 6th grade).

HELPERS: Assist leader (must have completed 7th grade to help)

CRAFT LEADER: Help to decide which crafts will be made on what days

CRAFT HELPER: Help out in the craft room - work with craft leader

GAMES: 1 leader, 2-3 helpers come up with activities to do with each class every day.

MUSIC: need a leader and an assistant to help teach the children songs everyday that will be used during the closing program on Sunday

SNACK: need 3-4 adults to get donated snacks ready for each class throughout the day and help with refreshments for the closing program.

STORY TELLER: teaches each class the Bible story everyday for the week

ADMINISTRATION: help take care of attendance, collection, copying papers, distributing papers to go home with students and other jobs needed etc. Help hand out nametags and other things on 1st day of VBS.

If you can help in any way, please let me know what you would like to do, or sign the sheet on the bulletin board. Thank You. LeAnne Krill 610-262-0293 please leave a message.

REGISTRATION FORM 2018

Dates June 18-22

Church: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Kreidersville

Child's Name: _____

Preferred name to be called _____

Parent/ Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone # to be reached _____

Email address _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth _____ Gender M F

Last school grade completed _____

Siblings: _____

Home Church: _____

In case of emergency (when the parent/guardian cannot be reached), please contact:

Name _____

Telephone _____ Relationship to child: _____

Please list any allergies/medical needs the VBS staff should be aware of:

Person Responsible for picking up this child at the end of each VBS day:

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

One friend my child would like to be with: _____

Special need/circumstances: _____

Signature of parent/guardian _____

Please indicate below if you would like to volunteer to help with:

- crafts
- games
- music
- kitchen
- classroom

MAY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM BOY SCOUTS 7PM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 7:30PM	2	3 CHOIR PRACTICE 7PM	4	5
6 WELCA THANK OFFERING 9:00AM WORSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15AM	7 GIRL SCOUTS 6PM WORSHIP & MUSIC 7PM	8 CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM BOY SCOUTS 7PM	9	10 CHOIR PRACTICE 7PM	11	12 50+ 1PM
13 FOOD BANK SUNDAY 9:00AM WORSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15AM	14 GIRL SCOUTS 6PM COUNCIL 7PM	15 CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM BOY SCOUTS 7PM	16	17 CHOIR PRACTICE 7PM	18	19 FAMILY GAME NIGHT 5PM
20 PENTECOST IN TOUCH SUNDAY 9:00AM WORSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15AM	21 GIRL SCOUTS 6PM OUTREACH 6:30PM	22 CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM BOY SCOUTS 7PM	23	24 CHOIR PRACTICE 7PM	25	26
27 9:00AM WORSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15AM	28 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED GIRL SCOUTS 6PM PROPERTY 7PM	29	30	31		