

## *From the Pastor:*

Brother and Sisters in Jesus,

“Tell me the weight of a snowflake,” a coal-mouse (a small bird) asked a wild dove. “Nothing more than nothing,” was the answer. “Let me tell you a marvelous story,” the coal-mouse said. “I sat on a fir branch, when it began to snow—not heavily, just slowly coming down. Since I didn’t have anything better to do today, I counted the snowflakes settling on the twigs and needles of my branch. Their number was exactly 3,741,952. When the 3,741,953 flake dropped onto the branch, nothing more than nothing, as you say, the branch broke off.”

Having said that, the coal-mouse flew away. You see, it takes just one snowflake to make a difference, just one.

Every once in a while we are all pestered or haunted by the questions, “Does what I do, or give, or offer, make any difference? Does it mean anything?” Sometimes it doesn’t take much to make me wonder. We try and try but we can’t seem to get it together or even to inspire someone to follow Jesus.

We live in a society that worships heroes and their great accomplishments. We look at our mundane lives and what we accomplish and it seems like nothing compared to what they do. We see their huge bank accounts and how we barely make our money last from paycheck to paycheck. What did I ever do wrong?

In the Gospel of Luke, a 12 or 13 year old girl is given an extraordinary assignment. Her response was simply, “I am the Lord’s servant. May it be me as you have said.” In essence, Mary said to the angel, “I am willing to be one snowflake. I am willing to do what I can, with what I have been given, with a full, grateful and willing heart. I am willing to no worry about the outcome. I am willing to no worry what other people think or say. I am willing to do your will as best I can.” So why am I afraid to let this be enough?

So, here’s the deal: the journey to wholeness is not about me becoming something I’m not. The journey toward wholeness is about reflecting on what is already there, inside each of us. It is all about making a difference by just being you.

“Let your light so shine before others,” and you will make a difference in the lives of everyone you come in contact with.

Yours, in Jesus,

Pastor Gary

### **Planning Ahead.....**

**Scout Sunday**  
February 5

**Pack 40 Scout Sunday  
Pancake Brunch**  
February 5

**Souper Bowl Sunday**  
February 5

**Girl Scouts Recruitment Tea**  
February 11

**Food Bank Sunday**  
February 12

**Fellowship Hall  
Closet Clean Out**  
February 18

**Gracedale Nursing Home  
Visit**  
February 20

**Cub Scouts Blue & Gold  
Dinner**  
February 25

**Ash Wednesday**  
March 1

**Soup & Bake Sale**  
March 5 & 12

**Bear Creek Camp Sunday**  
March 12



## From the Office of the Church Secretary...

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**Worship Service**

**9:00 AM**

Sunday School

10:15-11:00 AM

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Pastor Gary L. Walbert

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Pastor Walbert's office hours are

Wednesdays from 11 am to 1 pm

Jennifer Driscoll

*Church Secretary*

Harold Redline

Director of Music Ministries

John Moschella

*Sexton*

**Congregation Council**

Brenda Koch, President

Nicole Bogden, Vice President

Roseann Koehler, Financial Secretary

Laurie Andrew, Executive Secretary

Alexis Saylor, Recording Secretary

*(Alexis is not a member of Council)*

Jolynn Claroni

Brian Dungan

Paul Evans III

LeAnne Krill

Christopher Holub

Karen Hahn

Lisa Mann

Christina Weaver

*Happy Birthday...*

Lorie Gaugler	February 1
Janice Andrew	February 2
Jaxson Dennis	February 2
Sheila Persing	February 3
Judy Snyder	February 4
Tori Schaffer	February 6
Ruth Goodin	February 7
Courtney Hahn	February 7
Lauren Yelles	February 9
Christine Vash	February 12
Nicholas Vash	February 12
Zachery Vash	February 12
Carl Reimer	February 14
Jennifer Gaugler	February 15
Jack Stahl	February 15
Kristen Weiner	February 16
Jenna Gogle	February 17
Joshua Holub	February 19
Benjamin Klusaritz	February 20
Mark Weaver	February 20
Ahren Dennis	February 22
Lauren Dixon	February 22
Paul Evans, III	February 22
Giavanna Facenda	February 23
Dylan Streitman	February 24
Andrew Kalynych	February 25
Alexa Wiland	February 25
Brock Weiner	February 27
Leah Krill	February 28
Barbara Wiemann	February 28

*Happy Anniversary...*

February 14  
Morry & Joyce Pulley

February 22  
Dean & Roseann Yelles

**Parochial Report**

Date	Attendance
12/4	69
12/11	83
12/18	66
12/24 (both services)	146, 105
12/25	33
TOTAL	502
AVG.	83.6

## President's Corner

Right now, there are 53 days left till Spring. It really hasn't been much of a winter (in terms of snow and cold) but I am missing the sun!

On February 18th, we are cleaning out the closet in Fellowship Hall. If you have anything in the closet, please remove it before the 18th or come at 9am and help us clean it out. Anything not claimed will be thrown out.

Ash Wednesday is March 1st. We will have 2 services (11am & 7pm) that day and on Wednesdays during Lent we have will 2 services (11am & 7pm).

As we move toward spring and the holy season of Lent, I hope that God blesses you and your family.

Thank you,

*Brenda*

Brenda Koch

President



## February Financial News

December

<b>Current Balances</b>	
<b>Checking</b>	\$9,897.80
<b>Building Repair</b>	\$1,853.26
<b>Mem. Fund</b>	\$22,588.63
<b>Money Mkt</b>	\$168,235.27

	<b>General</b>	<b>Building Repair</b>	<b>Memorial</b>
December 4, 2016	\$3,119.00	\$107.00	\$25.00
December 11, 2016	\$3,458.00	\$40.00	
December 18, 2016	\$1,804.00		\$125.00
December 25, 2016	\$5,713.00	\$390.00	
Vanco	\$780.00		
Thrivent Choice	\$63.00		
<b>Income in December</b>	\$14,874.00	\$485.00	\$150.00
<b>Expenses in December</b>	\$17,232.59		

## Hospital

Whenever you or a loved one or if you know if a member going to the hospital, please contact the church office or call Pastor Gary (610-217-6852). We do not always hear about members being in the hospital.

Pastor Gary is always willing to visit and we can remember you in our prayers. Our hospital code is 232.

## Birthdays/Wedding Anniversaries

If your birthday or anniversary has not been listed in the newsletter, please contact the office and let Jennifer know. The reason is because it is not listed in our computer or the computer is not putting out the correct information. We want to remember all our members. We want to make sure that all our members are listed. If you are unsure, please forward your information to us.



## Fellowship Hall Closet Cleaning

February 18, 2017

9am

If you have anything in this closet please remove it prior to February 18th or plan on attending to help.

Anything left after the 18th will be thrown out.

Thank you!!

## FEBRUARY 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
<b>February 5</b>	Talbot Houck	Carole Holub	Renaë Yelles	LeAnne Krill	Carole Holub	Hope Eisenhard
<b>February 12</b>	Nick Miller	Dave Hausman	Linda Siekonic	Laurie Andrew	Nicole Bogden	Mike Hahn
<b>February 19</b>	Zachery Tyler	Chris Holub	Jessica Kirkpatrick	Donna Walck	Chris Holub	Mark Weaver
<b>February 26</b>	Charli-Ann Reinert	Jason Bogden	Mark Weaver	Judy Fehr	Edwin Marshall	Brenda Koch

Date	Ushers
2/5 & 2/12	Jason Bogden, Karen Hahn, Dean & Roseann Yelles
2/19 & 2/26	Forrest Koch, Morry Pulley, Donald Ruch, Doug 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 or 17th Street) 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.



- 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 (**February 12**) our prayers will include the food gifts, the recipients, and the donors.
- "IN TOUCH" Sunday is always the third Sunday of the month. This month, Social Ministry and WELCA are doing a Valentine's gift giving for the shut-ins. Help is needed to deliver the gift bags, starting on February 5th. Gifts bags will be labeled and in the Narthex.

# Pancake Breakfast



## **Cub Scout Pack 40 Super Scout Sunday Pancake Brunch**

Pack 40 will be putting on a Pancake Brunch on Scout/  
Super Bowl **Sunday February 5, 2017** in Fellowship  
Hall. The brunch will start after church service  
approximately 10:30AM

Tickets will be \$8 for Adults and

\$4 for kids 12 and under.

Tickets can be pre-purchased or bought at the door.

Proceeds benefit Pack 40.



## **Save the Date!**

# **Soup & Bake Sale**

**March 5, 2017**

**March 12, 2017**



## Cradle Roll

Years ago all churches had what was known as the Cradle Roll. Children after they were baptized, were listed on the cradle roll until they were 3 years old and then they started Sunday School.

So much has changed these past few decades. Fewer children are going to Sunday School which means fewer families are coming to church. We so desperately need church and Sunday School in our world again.

We are starting the Cradle Roll once more at Good Shepherd. When a child is baptized, the child will be placed on the Cradle Roll. They will receive mailings on a regular basis with the hope that when they reach the age of 3, their parents will begin bringing them to Sunday School.

Brenda Koch has graciously volunteered to be in charge of this project. In the next few weeks, we will have a chart placed in the Narthex.

Please, whenever you see young families or any visitor, make them feel welcome. Remember this project in your prayers.

## Bear Creek Camp

When my children were young, they all went to Bear Creek Camp for a week each year. For them it was a highlight of the summer. When I went to pick them up on the last day, it took them an hour plus to say goodbye. It made a tremendous difference in their lives.

Good Shepherd sent many young men and women to Bear Creek Camp through the years. I am sure it made a difference in their lives. I want to see young people from our church begin to go to Bear Creek Camp.

On March 12, we are blessed to have Dan Sharnhorst come to talk to us about Bear Creek Camp. He will be at the worship service and also the continental breakfast we will have that day. All are invited to come down to Fellowship Hall and hear about how the Spirit is using the camp to touch the lives of our young men and women of our churches.

Dan Sharnhorst has been the Director of the camp for 5 years and weekly attendance has gone up dramatically. I have known Dan for over 20 years. He will touch your life on Sunday.

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## First Communion Classes

When a child is able to receive their First Communion, it is a great celebration. Not only for families but our whole congregation. It is also the first step to being confirmed. This year our classes will be on March 28 and April 4 at 7pm in the Sanctuary. Students will receive their First Communion on Palm Sunday, April 9. If your child is in second grade or older and you feel they are ready to receive First Communion, please contact Pastor Gary or the church office to register them for the classes.

## Lenten Journey

Yes, it is time to start talking about Lent. Ash Wednesday is on March 1 and we will have two opportunities to worship that day at 11am and 7pm. Holy Communion will be celebrated at both services including the imposition of ashes.

Each Wednesday during the Lenten season we will have our weekly mid-week services. They will be at 11am & 7pm in the sanctuary. This year our topic will be "Stops on the way to the Cross." We will see some of the stops of the procession of Jesus carrying His cross to the Golgotha. According to tradition, He fell 3 times, saw his Holy Mother, and a woman called Veronica.

Come and experience Lent in a new way. Walk the journey with Jesus and celebrate on the glorious day of Easter.

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# SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

## Meet Your Synod's Staff



**Diane Hemerly**

Diane is the financial administrator at the synod office. She pay the bills, reconciles the various account statements, does the daily book-keeping, and verifies the reports from the Mission Investment Fund. She also prepares the Bulletin of Reports and the Minutes Book for the Synod Assembly; and she assists Pr. Mary Gade with the work of the Candidacy Committee.

Diane has worked at the synod office for 5 years. Prior to that she worked at Dunn and Bradstreet for over 19 years, and at the Lehigh Conference of Churches for 2 years.

She and her husband Jim, have a daughter living in San Francisco and son, who is a commander in the Navy, living in Japan. They have one grandson. Diane had a kidney transplant over 18 years ago and she gives thanks daily for her continued good health.

Diane is an avid NASCAR fan. She also enjoys crafts such as making candy lollipops, sewing, and making wreaths. She is a member at Ziegels, Weisenberg Township.

## Christ, Conyngham Outdoor Worship Space



In early 2016, leaders of Christ, Conyngham began exploring ways to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the congregation in 2018. One of three significant projects identified was restoring a courtyard area located between the buildings housing the sanctuary and Christian Education/ Fellowship spaces. The challenge was to re-imagine the space, taking creation care and reaching out to the community into consideration.

An outdoor worship space looking over the Conyngham Sugarloaf Valley was designed and constructed by ThorneCare Landscape Solutions, a business owned and operated by one of the congregation's young adults. Financing was provided by Mission Investment Fund, which allowed the congregation to use existing funds for giving to the Campaign for the ELCA.

The courtyard project and a parking lot restoration project occurred in tandem, along with the congregation's third anniversary project- giving \$100,000 to the Campaign for the ELCA. Lutheran World Relief Hunger Appeal has been the recipient of \$50,000. Plans include giving \$50,000 to Lutheran Disaster Response in 2017.

The space features a fully accessible worship space and stone altar, a baptismal fountain which pours forth from the altar, and a fire pit for social gathering. The fountain color may be changed based upon the season of the church year. The worship space includes capacity for sound and landscape lighting, and utilizes an open area with pavers marked with the sign of the cross. In addition, a Celebration of Life tree on the wall allows folks to have a leaf engraved with the names of their departed loved ones and two benches by the tree for seating.



## Coaching

Do you have goals you would like to achieve but struggle to make time or map an approach to them?

Do you know of situations or projects so complex that you cannot keep the overview and be in it at the same time?

Are you looking for ways to be more effective in what you do?

Then why not find out more about coaching?

**What is coaching?**

Coaching is a focused, very effective way of intentionally addressing your goals and achieving them through a step by step process. Usually, coach and client meet or talk by phone once a month for about one hour. A good coach does not need to be an expert in your area of interest. A good coach is trained to draw the expert out of you.

- Coaching is *not* counseling.
- Coaching is *not* spiritual direction.
- Coaching is *not* a consultation process.
- Coaching is *not* about winning.
- Coaching is an intentional effort to strive for results and growth.

The synod has experienced as well as newly trained coaches, who are available to work with you. If you are curious, you can talk to a coach at no cost to discern if coaching seems right for you. For more information, please contact Mike Bennethum at 610-266-5101 or [mike@nepsynod.org](mailto:mike@nepsynod.org).

## Parish Secretaries' Christmas Luncheon



On Tuesday, December 13, the synod staff hosted for the first time a Parish Secretaries's Christmas Luncheon. Parish secretaries from the entire synod were invited to come together for a catered lunch, followed by a time of fellowship and games. There were even prizes!

The event provided a wonderful opportunity to network with other secretaries in similar circumstances, and to share ideas and challenges. Some hope to continue the experience in their own mission district.

There was tour of the Lutheran Center for those who had never been there, including an introduction to the Resource Center. It turned out to be a productive and helpful day, and the staff hopes to plan another event for next year.

Because so much food was left over, the staff contacted the Lehigh Conference of Churches, which was happy to stop by and pick up the food to distribute to the hungry and homeless.



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# FEBRUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 GIRL SCOUTS 6:30PM	2 GIRL SCOUTS 6:30PM  CHOIR PRACTICE 7:30PM	3	4 FELLOWSHIP HALL OCCUPIED 1PM
5 SCOUT SUNDAY  9:00AM WORSHIP  10:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL  10:15 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL  10:30AM PACK 40 PANCAKE BREAKFAST	6  GIRL SCOUTS 6:00PM  WORSHIP & MUSIC 7pm	7  CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM  CHRISTIAN ED. 7PM	8  STAFF MEETING 12:30PM  GIRL SCOUTS 6:30PM	9  GIRL SCOUTS 6:30PM  CHOIR PRACTICE 7:30PM	10	11  GIRL SCOUT RECRUITMENT TEA 12PM
12 FOOD BANK SUNDAY  9:00AM WORSHIP  10:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL  10:15AM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL	13  GIRL SCOUTS 6:00PM  COUNCIL 7PM	14  CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM	15  GIRL SCOUTS 6:30PM	16  GIRL SCOUTS 6:30PM  CHOIR PRACTICE 7:30PM	17	18  FELLOWSHIP HALL CLOSET CLEAN OUT 9AM
19  9:00AM WORSHIP  10:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL  10:15AM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL	20 GIRL SCOUTS 6:00PM  GRACEDALE NURSING HOME VISIT 6:30PM	21  CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM	22  GIRL SCOUTS 6:30PM	23  GIRL SCOUTS 6:30PM  CHOIR PRACTICE 7:30PM	24	25  CUB SCOUT BLUE & GOLD DINNER 3PM
26  9:00AM WORSHIP  10:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL  10:15AM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL	27  GIRL SCOUTS 6:00PM  PROPERTY 7:00pm  EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 7PM	28  CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM				