

# The Shepherd's Staff

## July 19th Worship in the Sanctuary!

Yes, we are going to worship in the Sanctuary, finally. It will begin on July 19th at 9am. Please don't stop reading, we will be worshipping differently for a while.

First, you need to call and let us know you are coming to church. You can either call the Church Office (610-262-9517) or you may use the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040449a4a729a6fc1-church>

When you arrive between 8:30-9am, **you must wear a mask and have your temperature taken with a non-contact thermometer.** To enter the church, please use only the doors by the bathrooms or the front door. The doors by the office will be locked. No nursery will be available. After you enter the Narthex, you will be handed a baggie with communion in it. Bulletins will be on your seat. Please proceed to the Sanctuary where you will be guided to a seat. We will not sing or do any responsive reading.

The bathrooms will be closed, if there is an emergency, you can use the handicapped bathroom.

When the service has ended, you will be excused by pod. Please do not congregate or visit in the church building, please go outside immediately after worship. If you chose to visit outside, please be safe and practice social distancing.

**Do not come to church if you are not feeling well or if you have been sick.** Our main concern is for everybody to be safe. If you are not comfortable about attending worship, it's okay to stay home.

It will be so wonderful to see your masked faces. I am sure you will be smiling under the mask.

### Planning Ahead.....

**Food Bank  
July 12**

**9am Worship Service  
In the Sanctuary!  
July 19**

**In Touch  
July 19**

**9am Worship Service  
In the Sanctuary!  
July 26**



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

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**Monday — Friday**

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### Worship Service

**9:00 AM**

### STAFF

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Pastor Walbert's office hours are

Wednesdays from 11am to 1pm

Alex Haggerty

*Director of Music Ministries*

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Jennifer Driscoll

*Church Secretary*

John Moschella

*Sexton*

### Congregation Council

David Hausman, President

Brian Dungan, Vice President

Roseann Koehler, Treasurer

JoLynn Claroni, Financial Secretary

Laurie Andrew, Executive Secretary

Alexis Saylor, Recording Secretary

(Alexis is not a member of Council)

Richard Brown

Brenda Koch

Diane Kramer

Kay Muehlberger

Donna Pavlick

### Happy Birthday...

Pastor Gary	July 1
Olivia Talbot	July 2
Ritz Ruzicka	July 3
Brynn Mitchell	July 4
Hunter Frantz	July 5
Jill Hahn	July 5
Charles Druckenmiller	July 6
Lori Emery	July 6
Cody Reimer	July 6
Linda Siekonic	July 7
Samantha Saylor	July 8
Lorraine Einfalt	July 12
Brian Panasik	July 12
Elizabeth Andrew	July 14
Darlene Pail	July 14
Morry Pulley	July 16
Chad Weiner	July 16
Mary Grow	July 18
Craig Beltzner, Sr.	July 19
Aaron Borger	July 21
Louis Schwarz	July 21
Richard Fehr	July 22
Patricia Gillette	July 24
Donna Pavlick	July 24
Shelly Dorn	July 27
Amanda Dungan	July 27
Bernice Lilly	July 29
Michelle Morgan	July 29
Kayden LaBarre	July 30

### Happy Anniversary...

Richard & Matilde Brown  
July 1

**25 years!**

Richard & Linda Siekonic  
July 3

LeRoy & Jean Bealer  
July 11

Willard & Ruth Frack  
July 12

James & Donna Williams  
July 30

Greg & Pamela Reimer  
July 31

### Parochial Report

Date	Attendance
<b>No services in May</b>	
<b>Total</b>	
<b>Average</b>	

## *From the Pastor:*

Brothers and Sisters in Jesus,

“I have cared for you since you were born. Yes, I carried you before you were born. I will be your God throughout your lifetime. I made you and I will care for you. I will carry you along and save you.” (Isaiah 46:3-4)

This verse was part of my daily Bible reading. As I read it, I knew it was talking about me and how God has always been there for me. But as I read it again, I realized it was also talking about our church, Good Shepherd.

God always knew that one day there would be a Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Since 1970, He has been there with us in times of joy and sorrow. When we faced challenging times, He carried us along, giving us the strength and courage to keep going. He knew though, “there are tears at night, joy comes in the morning.” (Psalm 30:5)

We have seen good times these past few years, but now we have 2020. What I want to say is this; all that has happened to us has prepared us to handle this situation. He has blessed us with staff that can handle this difficult situation. We are doing the best we can. No matter what the future holds, we shall overcome it because God is caring for us and carrying us, if necessary.

We are finally back to green. We need to stay safe. This pandemic is not over yet but we shall overcome. Please keep our church in your prayers as well as our nation, so that peace will come to our country.

Yours in Jesus,

Pastor Gary



## *President's Corner*

We've finally gone GREEN!!, and I'm not referring to the liturgical color, even though that is green also! I'm talking about the Governor's ruling, allowing us to somewhat return to normal. We still need to wear a mask, practice social distancing and stay safe in our daily lives.

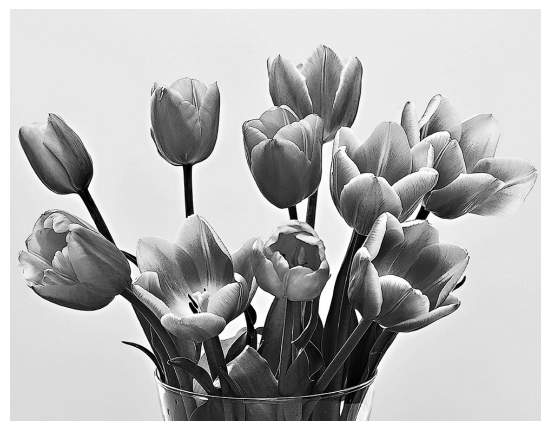
The Congregation Council met on June 29<sup>th</sup> and decided to have live worship in the Sanctuary beginning July 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, look for the guidelines that the Council has established in order for us to gather together to worship once again. It will take some getting used to, but, with God's help, we will make it work.

After reviewing Committee Reports, some of our more popular activities and fundraising have been postponed or canceled for this year or until further notice.

Work on the Social Hall Toilet Room renovations is progressing, slowly but surely. The small area to work in makes it difficult to get too many tradesmen together at one time.

If you haven't received this newsletter by July 4<sup>th</sup>, hope everyone had a good celebration!



Yours in Christ,

Dave Hausman  
President

## May Financial Report

As of May 31, 2020

	<b>General</b>	<b>Building Repair</b>	<b>Memorial</b>
May 3, 2020	\$3,222.00	\$110.00	
May 10, 2020	\$5,195.00	\$205.00	
May 17, 2020	\$1,745.00	\$20.00	
May 24, 2020	\$2,892.00	\$35.00	
<b>Income in May</b>	\$13,054.00	\$370.00	
<b>Expenses in May</b>	\$12,390.06		

## PASTORAL ACTS



*Received in the month of June*

In Memory of Olinda Koch  
Given by

Allen Township Fire Company  
Elsie Grohotolsky  
David and Diane Hausman  
Leroy and Grace Hunsicker  
Mr. and Mrs. Irons  
Harold and Nancy Kochenash  
Arthur and Shirley Kuhus  
Edwin and Maria Kutz  
Edward and Julie McKay  
Colin and Louise Saylor  
Richard and Linda Siekonie  
Ruth Sprous  
Charles and Margaret Stumb  
Dean and Roseann Yelles



*Received in the month of June*

In Memory of Philip Gahagan

Given by

Shelly D. DeLong  
David and Diane Hausman  
The Yelles Family

*Thank You!*

Dear Church Council and Good Shepherd members,

Thank you so much for your lovely gift basket and for all the prayers, kind words and cards. Your thoughtfulness and generosity has helped make this difficult time a bit better. I know that I'm truly blessed to work for such a wonderful place.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Driscoll and Family



## News

CHURCH NEWS

Just a reminder that Good Shepherd participates in the programs listed below. Your help can make a difference.



## Redner's Save-A-Tape

The Fundraising Committee is 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. **Please use your Redner's Save A –Tape Card. Any receipt without it cannot be used!**

**Please mail your receipts to the Church office!**



Good Shepherd  
Is registered with Amazon Smile!

Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.

AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.

Support your Good Shepherd by going to this link:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-2389879>





Once Good Shepherd is selected, all Amazon donations will come to Good Shepherd.

### \*\*\* Fundraising with no additional costs to you !!! \*\*\*

Good Shepherd has teamed up with a gift card fundraising organization called "ShopWithScrip". This allows you to purchase gift cards through Good Shepherd for participating grocery, clothing, restaurants, sporting goods, online stores and more. This is great for special occasions or for your normal shopping. Each time you purchase a gift card through Good Shepherd Church, ShopWithScrip pays a percentage of the gift card's face value amount directly to Good Shepherd Church. The recipient of the gift card gets the full face value for spending.

**So you get to donate to Good Shepherd with no addition costs!**

See our Order Form page [www.GoodShepherdKreidersville.org/gift-cards](http://www.GoodShepherdKreidersville.org/gift-cards) for a list of the participating vendors and their % payback to Good Shepherd.

<b>How Much Can I Raise Per Year?</b> 			
  	<b>Average Contribution</b>	<b>Spending Per Month</b>	<b>Contribution Per Year</b>
<i>Grocery</i>	4 %	\$600	\$288
<i>Gas</i>	3 %	\$345	\$124
<i>Dining Out</i>	8 %	\$100	\$96
<i>Fast Food</i>	8 %	\$120	\$115
<i>Clothing &amp; Accessories</i>	8 %	\$160	\$153
<i>Home Improvement</i>	4 %	\$130	\$62
<i>Online Shopping</i>	10 %	\$85	\$102
<i>Movies/Books/Gadgets</i>	5 %	\$60	\$36
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,600</b>	<b>\$976</b>
<b>20 Families</b>			<b>\$19,520</b>
<b>50 Families</b>			<b>\$48,800</b>
<b>100 Families</b>			<b>\$97,600</b>





## Worship Services

Good Shepherd has a Facebook page. We will be worshipping in our Sanctuary on July 19th. Will also be live-streaming the service on our Facebook page.

You do not have to have a Facebook account to view the service or to visit our page.

Please visit us at:

[www.facebook.com/Good-Shepherd-Lutheran-Church-Kreidersville-459514777494839/](https://www.facebook.com/Good-Shepherd-Lutheran-Church-Kreidersville-459514777494839/)

For updates regarding worship services you can continue to visit our Facebook page; you can also visit our website: [www.goodshepherdkreidersville.org](http://www.goodshepherdkreidersville.org) or you can call the Church Office.



### **In Touch Sunday**

In Touch Sunday is the 3rd Sunday in the month. You may select the name of a member and send a greeting card (please see page 2 for birthdays or anniversaries) so they know we are thinking of them, remember them, wish them well and are keeping them in our prayers. Please contact the church office, for a name (s), if you would like to send a card out to a shut-in this month.





# Good Shepherd Committees


## The Spotlight Is On You

## Worship & Music

The Worship and Music committee meets each month to plan and organize elements of each Sunday's services. We work closely with Pastor Gary, Alex and members of the Altar Guild. The past few months have been trying times but, the committee has been making great efforts to keep Worship thriving through live streaming on Facebook. Alex has been providing all of the technology elements, and shares his musical talents with us each Sunday. Pastor continues to lead Worship for us and bonus visitors from other congregations! The Altar Guild keeps the sanctuary looking beautiful even though it's not overflowing with people. The Bell Choir recorded two songs while practicing social distancing in the parking lot. The recordings were presented on Facebook after two May services. We are working on having church in the more traditional sense in the future. There is a lot to plan!



# Thank You

 The Fundraising Committee would like to thank everyone for sending in their Redner's receipts. So far, due to the congregation's generosity during the pandemic, we submitted over \$35,000 in receipts and received a check for \$366!

Please continue to mail in your receipts. There is no expiration date, so all receipts are accepted as long as you use your Redner's Reward Card at check out.





## Food Facts

I am so very proud of our congregation in helping the Northampton Food Bank. Since we were not having church together in our sanctuary, I asked for donations and you responded with **347 food items and \$3,067 in cash donations.**

So now that we are turning green, everything will not be going back to normal. Here are some basic food facts. More than 37 million Americans struggled with food insecurity before COVID-19 crisis, including over 11 million children and almost 5.5 million older adults. With layoffs, school closings and other economic challenges, there are estimates that an additional 17.1 million people may become food insecure in the next six months as a result of the pandemic. That means 54.3 million people might be unsure where their next meal will come from or may have to make a difficult choice between buying food and paying bills. Food banks have seen a 59% increase in demand. It will not get better soon.

So what can I do? Whether it is bringing in 1 can of food (or more if you are able) or make a monetary donation; it will help bring hope to people whose hope is teetering on the edge.

On July 19th, when we return to worshipping in the Sanctuary, please bring a food item. The shopping cart will out on the portico and as you enter you can drop off your donation.

Let us remember what Matthew says in the gospel, “For I was hungry and you fed me. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink . . . And the King will say, I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of least of these, my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!”

Pastor Gary





## Food Bank

On behalf of Northampton Area Food Bank ([NAFB](#)), Pastor Gary, and Congregational Council, we thank you for the generous donations given during the month of March, April, May and June.

During this pandemic, your generosity provided a cushion of support for so many who were in need and we assure you that it was greatly appreciated. NAFB remains open and in need of continued donations.

The drive through food collection was considered a success in June so with that stated, we are going to continue with this endeavor in July. On Mondays and Fridays from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm on these dates: **July 6, July 10, July 13, July 17, July 20, July 24, July 27, & July 31 we will have a Drop Off/Drive Through Food Collection Cart at Good Shepherd Church.** The shopping cart will be placed under the portico by the front door main entrance of church. Please pack all food items in a plastic bag and knot the bag. Please count the number of food items in that bag and write the number of items on the outside of the bag. Please no loose items and lastly please place bag of food items in the cart.

We understand that food is not the easiest to come by at this time. However, if you do go to the grocery store, please consider remembering the food bank in your purchase. With that said Good Shepherd is responsible for apple sauce, canned fruit, and jelly. If you do not shop at this point but have other food items in your pantry that you would like to donate, please do so and be mindful **of expiration dates.** If this new way to collect does not work for you, please consider continuing helping NAFB with a monetary donation. Write your check to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and designate on the memo part (Donation For NAFB). Good Shepherd will then send all monetary contributions to NAFB.

Social Ministry will deliver the food items to NAFB.

We thank you in advance for your support.

JoLynn Claroni & Judy Fehr  
Co-Chairs, Social Ministry



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# SYNOD NEWS

**Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA**

## More Stories of Being the Church in a Time of Pandemic

### Holy Trinity Memorial of Catasauqua

In the letter to the church in Rome, St Paul writes, "The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet, and any other commandment, are summed up in this word. 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.'" (Romans 13:9-10, NRSV). This has been the source of inspiration for Holy Trinity Memorial of Catasauqua

Over the past eleven weeks, Holy Trinity has turned God's abundant giving toward the neighborhood. The love of Christ, which is the fulfillment of the law, has freed us to boldly live in love with this world. The call to do God's Work with Our Hands has pushed us to our sidewalk.

How are we loving this world while on our sidewalk? By trusting that God has provided and cared for us so we can walk humbly with our neighbors. God has abundantly poured over \$15,000 into a Community Help fund at Holy Trinity. We have purchased \$1,000 worth of food from restaurants and cooked \$500 worth of raw food each week for a Catasauqua food giveaway. We can't wait to see what ventures God has planned for us once the strong need for food is able to be handled by the local food bank.



### St. James, Hobbie



St. James Lutheran church in Hobbie continues to hold food distribution during these trying times. The distributions of produce, milk, eggs, and other goods have been occurring weekly as an outreach to anyone in the community - no questions asked. God's work. Our hands.





## Zoom Meeting with Bishop Zeiser

On Tuesday, June 9, over 160 rostered ministers and others joined Bishop Zeiser in a Zoom meeting to receive updates on several matters relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Bishop opened the meeting with a brief homily based on Jer. 31:15-17: *Thus says the Lord: A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more. Thus says the Lord: Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; for there is a reward for your work, says the Lord: they shall come back from the land of the enemy; there is hope for your future, says the Lord: your children shall come back to their own country.* [A link to view the homily is available on the home page of the synod website at [godslove.org](http://godslove.org).]

The Bishop then introduced Collin Grooms, Executive Director of Bear Creek Camp. Collin announced that summer camp has been cancelled; however, family camping and a Bear Creek Camp Conservation Corps will be available. [See the camp website for more information at [bearcreekcamp.org](http://bearcreekcamp.org).] The Camp will face difficult financial challenges in the coming year, but Collin is confident that the Camp will continue its ministry.

The Bishop lifted up the Online Baccalaureate Service for graduates in our synod, which was put together by Sammy Kelly and the Youth, Young Adult, and Family Ministry Team. He then introduced Julia Menzo, from Lutheran Congregational Services, who spoke about the various outreach efforts underway. [See her article below.]

The Bishop also addressed the status of Assembly 2020. Because of concerns for the safety and well-being of delegates, the Assembly will not be held at Kalahari in October as previously announced. The Assembly Planning Team is considering several options, including the possibility of an online Assembly. A recommendation will be presented to the Synod Council at their meeting on July 14, and their decision will then be announced to the synod.

Finally, the Bishop addressed challenges the church will face in the weeks and months ahead. These include the role of online worship, communion practice in a time of social distancing, and the need to confront racial injustice in our land.

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## Spiritual and Emotional Care in the time of COVID-19

The routines of work, school and simply running errands have been disrupted by COVID-19. The rituals we practice in worship, grieving, marriage, baptism, and more have been put on pause. These disruptions can impact our emotional and spiritual health. To meet these disruptions church leaders have offered creative worship, prayer, and fellowship opportunities; many of us have developed new routines at home and for everyday life.

Lutheran Congregational Services is partnering with a number of organizations to meet needs during COVID-19. Many offer spiritual and emotional care.

Keystone Disaster Interfaith Network has established a Spiritual Care Call Line to provide appropriate and respectful disaster spiritual care to people of all ages, races, and religions, especially in the midst of COVID-19. Call 888-255-6520.

American Red Cross's Virtual Family Assistance Center offers an Integrated Condolence Care Program. Please visit [redcross.org/virtual-family-assistance-center.html](http://redcross.org/virtual-family-assistance-center.html). Of course, a number of resources are available through the ELCA at [elca.org/publichealth](http://elca.org/publichealth).

Lutheran Disaster Response is creating a spiritual and emotional care training, with a focus on COVID-19, which will be available in the coming months. Please also feel free to reach out to Lutheran Congregational Services to talk to Sylvia Havlish, our bereavement counselor, about upcoming programs and services.

Email [jmenzo@libertylutheran.org](mailto:jmenzo@libertylutheran.org) for more information.

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# JULY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	4
5 <b>LIVE ON FACEBOOK</b> 9:00AM WORSHIP	6 <b>FOOD BANK DROP OFF 9:30AM - 1:30PM</b>	7	8	9	10 <b>FOOD BANK DROP OFF 9:30AM - 1:30PM</b>	11
12 <b>FOOD BANK SUNDAY</b>  <b>LIVE ON FACEBOOK</b> 9:00AM WORSHIP	13 <b>FOOD BANK DROP OFF 9:30AM - 1:30PM</b>	14	15	16	17 <b>FOOD BANK DROP OFF 9:30AM - 1:30PM</b>	18
19 <b>IN TOUCH SUNDAY</b>  <b>9:00AM WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY</b>	20 <b>FOOD BANK DROP OFF 9:30AM - 1:30PM</b>	21	22	23	24 <b>FOOD BANK DROP OFF 9:30AM - 1:30PM</b>	25
26  <b>9:00AM WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY</b>	27 <b>FOOD BANK DROP OFF 9:30AM - 1:30PM</b>	28	29	30	31 <b>FOOD BANK DROP OFF 9:30AM - 1:30PM</b>	