

From the Pastor:

Brothers and sisters in Jesus,

In my backyard, I have 3 rose bushes growing against the garage wall. Last year 2 did really well with lots of blooms and green leafy stalks. The other one never seemed to do much. It had one or two blooms and hardly any leaves. I fertilized the bush but it did not seem to grow.

This year the two bushes that did well last year produced many blooms and are filled with leaves. Number 3 had 4 dead stalks sticking up. I went to cut it down and right in the middle of the dead stalks was a green, leafy branch shooting up with 2 beautiful rose buds. I was going to cut it down but now it's growing beautifully.

There are times in our lives we feel like a beautiful rose bush. Everything is happening perfectly in our lives. Something happens that changes everything, our flowers fade and fall apart and our leaves turn brown and we are no more than thorny stalks.

At times like this, we need to go back to our source of life. Jesus. We need to look at our lives to see how we strayed from our source of life. We need to ask Him to renew us. Giving us the strength to grow and bloom once more. In the midst of our trials and temptations, slowly we will begin to experience His love and care. He might have to prune us so, we will grow beautiful flowers again. Jesus will do it ever so gently, helping us to rid ourselves of the dead, thorny branches and only keep the succulent green ones.

Yes, our life can be like a rose bush but we have the Master Gardener to take care of us.

Yours in Christ always,
Pastor Gary

Planning Ahead.....

**Sign Dedications
July 8**

**Food Bank Sunday
July 8**

**Outdoor Worship
July 29**

**God Speed & Farwell College
Students
August 19**

**Outdoor Worship &
Church Picnic
August 26**

**Sunday School Starts
September 9**

**Blessing of Backpacks
September 9**





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9:00 AM

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Nicole Bogden President

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(Alexis is not a member of Council)

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Paul Evans III

Karen Hahn

Christopher Holub

Brenda Koch

Lisa Mann

Happy Birthday...

Gary Walbert	July 1
Rita Ruzicka	July 3
Patricia Gillette	July 4
Olinda Koch	July 4
Jill Hahn	July 5
Charles Druckenmiller	July 6
Linda Siekonic	July 7
Samantha Saylor	July 8
David Oberman	July 9
Lorraine Einfalt	July 12
Elizabeth Andrew	July 14
Darlene Pail	July 14
Carol Ruch	July 15
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
Donna Pavlick	July 24
Shelly Dorn	July 27
Amanda Dungan	July 27
Bernice Lilly	July 29
Michelle Morgan	July 29

Happy Anniversary...

Richard & Linda Siekonic

July 3

Leroy & Jean Bealer

July 11

Christopher & Adrienne Holub

July 24

Parochial Report

Date	Attendance
5/6/18	75
5/13/18	93
5/22/18	69
5/27/18	57
TOTAL	294
AVG.	73.5

President's Corner

As I was gathering some hand outs for the table display at the Covered Bridge Festival, I came across a pamphlet "What is a Lutheran?." I began reading it, intrigued to see what it had to say. A Lutheran is a Christian who trusts in Jesus Christ as Savior. They share a common faith with other Christians. They accept the Bible as a true source of Christian love and guidance and accept the same Creeds. This one page peaked my interest the most.

The Lutheran Church is really people called to faith in Jesus Christ and sent on a mission to the world. Jesus asks that people care for one another, worship together and raise children in faith. It's every Christian's responsibility to lead others to witness the truth by spoken and written word. Christians also witness by example. Giving time to the church, teach a bible class, visiting the shut-ins, work as a church officer, work with charity groups and introduce people to the fellowship. This really put my faith into perspective.

A Lutheran is not just a church member, but a disciple - one who is willing to work selflessly for Christ. If you could take a second to think about your life can you say you are a true Lutheran?

God Bless,

Nicole

Nicole Bogden

President



April Financial Report

As of May 31, 2018

	General	Building Repair	Memorial
May 6, 2018			
May 13, 2018			
May 20, 2018			
May 27, 2016			
Income in May			
May Expenses			
Difference			



Good Shepherd Music Notes

As the 2017-2018 choir season comes to a close, I cannot help but already begin looking ahead to the 2018-2019 choir year. I hope that our music through the past year has enhanced worship for you all, and I am excited to announce the coming opportunities at Good Shepherd to praise God through music.

Starting in August we will be forming a bell choir. No musical knowledge is required to join. If you can read the verses of a hymn, you can ring bells! The first Sunday of August we will have a meeting after church for everyone interested in ringing bells, if you cannot attend that meeting feel free to talk to me at the organ after church anytime.

The adult choir will also be starting up again in August. We currently have seven members in our choir and I would like to propose a challenge to the congregation of Good Shepherd: by the close of the 2018-2019 choir season I would like to have 12 members in our choir, that's only 5 new members! Choir is a great way to have fun and fellowship while praising God through music. If you're interested in joining the choir, talk with me or any choir member and look to the church bulletin for meeting times. I'm excited for the coming choir year and the musical opportunities for Good Shepherd in the future!

Thank You

We would like to take this time to express our thanks to our Choir. They started off practicing with Alex on the phone faithfully each week until Alex graduated. A lot of time and effort goes into the beautiful anthems we are blessed to hear. If you see someone from choir, feel free to thank them, they definitely deserve it.

We would like to express out sincere thanks to the Christian Education Committee for all their hard work to make Vacation Bible School a success. A lot of time goes into this and the lessons are not purchased but are the creativity of the Committee. We also want to acknowledge LeAnn Krill. LeAnn puts so much of herself into VBS for the children. She goes above and beyond what anyone could imagine. We thank the Christian Education Committee and LeAnn for all the time and effort they put into VBS to make it perfect.

Vacation Bible School



This years Bible School theme was" Superheroes of the Bible" The children learned about eight Super Heroes from the Old Testament and their powers. Abraham and Sarah had the power of HOPE. In their old age they still had hope in God that he would give them a child. Not only did Sarah have a baby God told them they would have more children then the stars in the sky.

Samson had the power of STRENGTH, after he lost his strength when Delilah got Samson to tell her his secret that made him so strong and she cut off all of his hair Samson never stopped believing in God.

David had the power of BRAVERY. He took on Goliath, the biggest, meanest Philistine around and defeated him with one small stone and a sling

Daniel had the power of PRAYER. David refused to stop praying to God even when he knew it was the law. Daniel was caught and put into the lion's den, he prayed to God and Daniel was not harmed.

Shadrach Meshach, and Abednego had the power of FAITH they refused to bow to a golden idol, they were thrown into a fiery furnace, God sent an angel to protect them and they did not get burned because they had faith in God.

The children learned fun, energetic songs, designed their own cap, shield and t-shirt along with other crafts, played fun games and had great snacks.

Thank you to all the great volunteers we had to help make this a great experience for the 10 children that attended.



Confirmation

For all children entering 7th Grade this fall and would like to attend Confirmation classes please see Pastor Gary or call the office to have your child's name added to the list. There will be a letter sent with more information and a meeting scheduled for all students and their parents, before the start of the classes.



Sunday, July 29, 2018
Outdoor Service
Pavilion Dedication
9am

Sunday, August 26, 2018
Outdoor Service
Church Picnic
10am Worship

More information to come!



JULY 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
July 1	Emma Dungan	Laurie Andrew	Gail Loch	Diane Hausman	Mark Weaver	Barb Wiemann	Diane Kramer Conor Sandt
July 8	Sara Houck	Jason Bogden	Renae Yelles	Donna Walck	Jessica Kirkpatrick	Mark Weaver	Linda Houck Alyssa Cantrell
July 15	Ben Bogden	David Hausman	Linda Siekonic	Laurie Andrew	David Hausman	Nick Miller	Donna Yelles Emma Dungan
July 22	Kyle Koehler	Carole Holub	Jessica Kirkpatrick	Donna Pavlick	Carole Holub	David Stimmel	Karen Hahn Josh Klusaritz
July 29	Bry Bogden	Sarah Borger	Barb Wiemann	LeAnne Krill	Edwin Marshall	Mike Hahn	Hope Eisenhard Conor Sandt

Date	Ushers
7/1 & 7/8	Jason Bogden, Kyle Koehler, Morry Pulley, Donald Ruch
7/15, 7/22 & 7/29	Nick Miller, Doug Yelles, 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.

FOOD BANK

156 items in June



- 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 (**June 10**) our prayers will include the food gifts, the recipients, and the donors.



Christmas in July 2018

As part of our ongoing mission to raise funds to offset church expenses, the Fun(d)raising Committee will be conducting a new event for the month of July. It's called "Christmas in July". Starting July 1, 2018, a 17 piece Nativity set will be placed in the Narthex for your viewing and also with the hope that congregational members, friends of congregational members and visitors will purchase raffle tickets to win this beautiful piece that will be raffled off on July 29, 2018, after our outdoor church service. Tickets will be sold at **three tickets for \$1**. The holder of the winning ticket does not have to be present to win.

Additionally we will conduct a Christmas cookie bake sale every Sunday, July 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, the Sunday of the drawing. Committee members will be baking cookies for these Sundays but the Committee also asks for congregational members to bake some fresh, homemade cookies for these Sundays as well. Think how surprised your guests will be at their special picnic dessert!!

All proceeds will go to the general fund. Please contact Carole Holub at 610-262-7493 or email her at caroleholub@gmail.com if you can help in this baking/fundraising mission. Attendance is usually lower in the summer due to vacations, etc. Help us bridge the gap in offerings, and remember to fill your envelopes on the weeks you're away!

Godspeed and Farewell August 19, 2018



For any of our young people who are either heading off to schools of higher learning or just heading off in life, we will have a special time during the worship service to offer a special blessing upon them.

Join us as we share God's love and blessings and bid farewell to members of our community of faith.

Blessing of the Backpacks



On September 9th, we want all who are going to school in the fall to bring their backpacks to church for a special blessing. If you haven't got your new backpack, this gives you a great reason to go and get one. I will also bless all our students going off to school this year-no matter what grade or school you are going to.

Farm to Table

Garden to Table



Please bring any extra produce (cut flowers are lovely too) to our Sharing Table that is now set up in the Narthex.

The proceeds given for the produce will be split between the Northampton Area Food Bank and World Hunger (ELCA).

Thank you,

Social Ministry

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SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

Assembly 2018 Sharing Ministries - Building Relationships

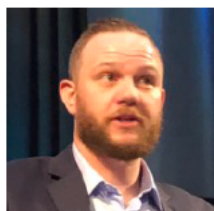
Churchwide Ministries



Pastor President Gustavo Gómez Pascua from our companion church, Iglesia Evangélica Luterana Unida, in Argentina and Uruguay addressed the Assembly on Friday.

He shared some of the topics and concerns trending in his church. Many were similar to the challenges faced by congregations of the ELCA.

Pastor President Pascua brought along his guitar; and on several occasions, he led the Assembly in songs used by congregations in his church.



Nick Kiger, ELCA Associate Director for Mission Support, brought greetings on behalf of Presiding Bishop

Elizabeth Eaton. He shared two videos: "2017 in Review" and "We Are Lutheran" (available on the synod website: godslove.org).

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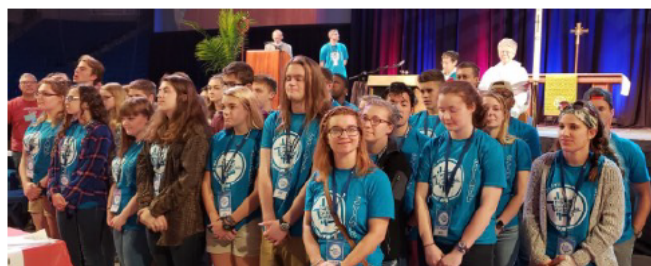
The Assembly was delighted to receive the **Hmong Community Evangelical Lutheran Church** as a congregation of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod. In 1978, Saint Simeon's Lutheran Church in

Philadelphia sponsored the first Hmong family from Laos to the Greater Philadelphia area. In February of 1996, the Hmong Community Evangelical Lutheran Church was established. When all of its members relocated and settled within Berks & Lancaster counties, the church found a new home at Allegheny, Knauers in 2012.

Bishop Zeiser welcomed Pr. ShongChai Hang, congregational president Cheng Lo, vice president Kai Lee, and other congregational representatives to come forward for the official vote by the Assembly.

On Saturday the Bear Creek Camp Summer Staff

was installed. Under the leadership of director Dan Scharnhorst, the summer camp program has dramatically increased in numbers; and the Assembly warmly applauded both Dan and the dedicated young people who will staff the camp.



During worship at the Assembly, offerings were collected in support of **Young Adults in Global Ministry** (\$2,859.92) and the **ELCA World Hunger Appeal** (\$2,547).

Ministry Displays, Workshops, and Service Projects



Delegates were invited to experience the Assembly theme, "Sharing Ministries and Building Relationships," in four different ways: (1) by visiting Bear Creek Camp, (2) by participating in one of several local service projects, (3) by visiting the ministry display tables, and (4) by attending one of the workshops. Two extended blocks of time were available on Friday for these experiences.



Bear Creek Camp. Delegates who chose to visit Bear Creek Camp could help prepare the camp for the upcoming summer program, could participate in a Hunger Walk, or could simply spend time enjoying the beautiful setting.



Local Service Projects. There were about a dozen opportunities to engage in a service project to benefit the Wilkes-Barre community. These included packing food for the hungry, filling backpacks for children, materials for disaster relief, a highway cleanup, helping children create a mural, and helping at the SPCA.



Ministry Display Tables and Workshops. There was a wide assortment of ministry displays, as well as workshops on "Pastoral Care Providers," "Faith Facing Racism and Religious Prejudice: Sharing Hopes and Strategies," and "ELCA Inter-religious Commitments -- Review and Response."



More information and pictures are available on the synod website at <http://nepasynod.org/highlights-assembly-2018>. **Assembly 2019 will be a one-day event on June 1 at Genetti's Ballrooms in Hazleton.** This is being done to keep down costs for congregations in anticipation of a three-day assembly at the Kalahari Resort on June 4-6, 2020 when the synod will elect a new bishop.

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JULY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00AM WORSHIP	2 WORSHIP & MUSIC 7PM	3 CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM BOY SCOUTS 7PM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 7:30PM	4 FOURTH OF JULY OFFICE CLOSED	5	6	7
8 FOOD BANK SUNDAY 9:00AM WORSHIP SIGN DEDICATIONS	9 COUNCIL 7PM	10 CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM BOY SCOUTS 7PM	11	12	13	14 50+ 1PM
15 9:00AM WORSHIP	16 OUTREACH 6:30PM	17 CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM BOY SCOUTS 7PM	18	19	20	21
22 9:00AM WORSHIP	23 PROPERTY 7PM	24 CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM BOY SCOUTS 7PM	25	26	27	28
29 OUTDOOR SERVICE PAVILION DEDICATION 9:00AM WORSHIP	30	31 CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM BOY SCOUTS 7PM				