

The September 2023 edition of the Shepherd's Staff is sponsored to the glory of God in honor of the 80th Birthday of Barry Miller by his family.

From the Pastor:

Brothers and Sisters in Jesus,

The human heart desires joy. We all desire joy, every family, every people aspires to happiness. But what is the joy that the Christian is called to live out and bear witness to? It is the joy that comes from the closeness of God, from His presence in our life.

From the moment Jesus entered into history, with His birth in Bethlehem, we received the seed of the Kingdom of God, like the soil receives the seed, the promise of a future harvest. There is no need to look any further! Jesus has come to bring joy to all people for all time. It is not just a hopeful joy or a joy postponed until paradise: as if here on earth we are sad but in paradise we will be filled with joy. But that is not the case, we have a joy that is real and can be felt now, because Jesus is our joy and with Him we have an everlasting joy.

In Isaiah 11:1-10, we see a prophecy of the Messiah. It will be a time of total peace and the presence of God will be everywhere. God has a joyful heart and He wants us to experience joy. Peace and joy go together. Have you ever been surrounded by a whirlwind of activity, perhaps in the midst of family and friends and felt a sudden whoosh of deep contentment? That is a joyful peace. Too often when we imagine peace we think it has to be perfect stillness. If we are honest, we think it might be a little boring with peace. When we reflect on Jesus' life, His was a life of peace, but yet, He was always in motion: walking, preaching, teaching, healing, eating, and drinking. Even when He was off to deserted places to pray, one in active communion with His Father.

As you go through the activities of your day, notice the times you feel contentment and joy. If you find yourself feeling stressed and surrounded by chaos, take a few deep breathes and bring your attention back to Jesus. Remind yourself that God is the ultimate source of all joy.

Yours in Jesus,

Pastor Gary



September 4
Labor Day

September 7
Choir practice begins

September 10
Rally Day

September 17
Sunday School begins

September 20
Dine & Donate Grove St

September 21
Peace Day

September 23
Fall for Karaoke

September 24
Harvest Home

October 8
Blessing of Animals

October 15
Dine & Donate & Corn Maze event

October 28
Halloween Dance

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9:00 AM—2:00 PM

Monday—Thursday

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Worship Service

9:00 AM

Pastor Gary L. Walbert

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Jennifer Baker

Church Secretary

Kristen Merkert

Organist/ Choir Director



Dan & Jennifer Baker	9.1
Mark & Christina Weaver	9.3
Alan & Stephanie Shook	9.4
Mary Dennis & Edwin Marshall	9.7
Michael & Stephanie Rogers	9.8
Timothy & Christina Talbot	9.20
Al & Barbara Wiemann	9.24
Ralph & Peggy Tobias	9.27
Barry & Kathleen Gilbert	9.28

Happy Birthday...

Sandra Graver	9.1
Ella Rogers	9.3
Lisa Bauer	9.6
Shirley Teets	9.6
Ann Hoff	9.7
Sandra Osiecki	9.7
Thomas Schwartz	9.7
Norma Bauer	9.8
Charles Burrell	9.8
Katherine Buss	9.8
Andrew LaBarre	9.8
Susan Ritton	9.8
Crystal Ungiran	9.10
Barry Saylor	9.11
Timothy Hoff	9.12
Dan Pavlick	9.13
Robert Buss Jr	9.22
Brenda Koch	9.22
Paul Peters	9.22
Alan Shook	9.25
Suzanne Tyler	9.25
Gloria Wunderler	9.27
Barry Miller	9.28
Jean Bealer	9.29

Dine & Donate Events

GROVE STREET PUB & GRILL

Wednesday, September 20

Time

Dine-in & Take-out

SEEMSVILLE PUB & GRILL

Sunday, October 15

11:00am-3:00pm

Dine in & Take out



If you cannot make it to service on Sunday, please feel free to drop off your envelopes to the church office during the week, or place in the mail. Make sure your name is written on them so that you receive credit on your statement for 2023.



Council 2024

The year is half over and before you know it the New Year will be upon us. On Dec. 3, 2023, we will be having our Annual Advent Congregational meeting. At this meeting, we call upon members to stand up and be a part of our Congregational Council. I know many try to duck and cover, not to be asked. But, the Council is a very important part of the church. We really need your help and support. Please think about being a part of the Congregational Council.

President's Corner



God Bless,
Nicole Bogden
Church Council President
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Join us for **Fall for Karaoke Night**
Fellowship Hall
Saturday, September 23
7:00pm
Refreshments will be provided
Brought to you by the Outreach committee



“ The Cornholios”

Bob Davidson and Ben Bogden are the 2023 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Cornhole champions, the 2nd Annual Cornhole tournament took place on August 20th at the annual church picnic. Runners up were Kristen Merkert and Bob's son Robert Davidson.



September Worship Assistant List

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Pouring Chalice	Acolytes
9/3				
9/10	Bill Gebhardt			
9/17				
9/24		Bill Gebhardt		

	Ushers
9/3	
9/10	
9/17	
9/24	

If you cannot keep your scheduled time, please arrange for someone to fill in.



Good Shepherd will be celebrating Harvest Home on September 24. *Harvest Home, also called ingathering, is a time to give thanks to God for a bountiful harvest. As part of our celebration, we ask the congregation to bring food items to church to display in front of the Altar. Beginning on September 3, there will be a shopping cart in the Narthex to accept non perishable food donations. Donations may also be dropped off Monday thru Thursday during office hours. If you have fresh produce or cut flowers, these items may be brought to church on the 24th before the service.*

All donations will be given to the Northampton Area Food Bank to help our neighbors in need. If you wish to make a monetary donation to the Food Bank, there is a Harvest Home envelope in your offering envelope packet.



Blessing of the Animals

St. Francis of Assisi was a great lover of animals and was always caring for them. We bless the animals in remembrance of this great saint. All animals are welcome. Blessing of the animals will take place on October 8th, from 1:00pm-2:00pm. Drive up under the portico and Pastor will bless your animals there.



2023 Financial breakdown for September

Amount needed weekly to meet budget =
\$ 3,137.00
Amount needed weekly to pay bills =
\$2,813.00



date	Attendance
7/2	44
7/9	56
7/16	53
7/23	59
7/30	55

Date	Weekly offering	Memorial	Building repair	Total weekly
7/2	\$2700.00		\$185.00	\$2885.00
7/9	\$2816.00		\$20.00	\$3016.00
7/16	\$2560.00			\$2560.00
7/23	\$1565.00			\$1565.00
7/30	\$3573.00		\$60.00	\$3633.00

Pictured below is our GSLC Praise Band from Sunday service on July 30th. Our Praise service is very positive and uplifting. Please join us for Sunday service , Every Sunday 9:00am
Bryanna Bogden, Nicole Bogden, Lorie Filipovits, Chris Holub, Ben Bogden, Paul Evans, LeAnne Krill, Dan Pavlick.



Good Shepherd Lutheran church received \$257.69 from the Redner's Save-A-Tape program in August.





PASTORAL ACTS



The Northampton Food Bank would like to thank the congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for the generous donations in August, 2023! Thank you very much! September 10th is Food Bank Sunday, and September 24th is Harvest Home. please bring a can good or two with you to service .

Dave Hausman thanks all of you who have sent cards and expressed concern during his absence, while he is dealing with health issues. Your prayers are much appreciated, and may God bless all of you.

Choir Season is starting up!
Come on Sept. 7, 2023 at 7:30,
and share with us your musical talent.

Join us at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
September 10, 2023
10:15 am
Rally Day Escape Room



Fun, Fellowship and snacks



In Touch— Every first Sunday of each month, one of the great ministries we have at Good Shepherd is our In Touch. It is a very important way we can tell our members in need that we really care!

Food Bank Sunday— Every 2nd Sunday of each month, please bring a canned good to Sunday service to donate to the NAFB.



We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the friends and family of Warren Hoffman who passed away into eternal life on July 22, 2023.

*Memorial Donations received in August in memory of Warren Hoffman by :
Norma Bauer*



We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the friends and family of Robin Ruch who passed away into eternal life on July 30, 2023.

Memorial Donations received in August in memory of Robin Ruch by:

Kerry, Ben and Ryan Ruch



The Jess Fin Foundation really appreciates those that helped contribute to our very successful 3rd Annual Jess Fin Fest! We had an amazing day, with 16 sponsors, 28 volleyball teams, 16 cornhole teams, 45 raffle baskets, 40 volunteers including a lot of great food at the North Catty Park snack stand, the Inside Scoop ice cream truck, SECTV coverage, and DJ Johnzy! We couldn't have done it without your support! Thank you so much! Best regards, Jean Dalrymple - JessFinFoundation.org

4" x 8" engraved bricks for \$60

8" x 8" engraved bricks for \$120

Honor a loved one, have your family name on it, give recognition to somebody, etc. You can order your brick by going to www.4everbricks.com/donors/BSA40. You can order online from there or you can also download an order form from that website and mail into me with payment. You can also pick up a form in the Nave of the church. If you do not want a brick but would still like to donate you can mail in a donation to Owen Dungan Eagle Project 737 2nd St Catasauqua, PA 18032. Checks can be made out to Troop 40. Follow the progress of my project at

<https://www.facebook.com/OwenDunganEagleProject>



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

School Kits

Lutheran World Relief distributes school kits to children whose families are unable to afford education supplies. In the past year, beneficiaries of these school kits have included Ukrainian children displaced by an ongoing war, Turkish youngsters uprooted by devastating earthquakes, and Mali refugee families forced to abandon their farms due to the effect of the expanding Sahara Desert. These children face serious challenges, but they want and need an education.

The Social Ministry Committee is collecting the essential education supplies needed for these school kits. The supplies that we are collecting are:

- 70-sheet spiral bound notebooks of wide or college ruled paper, approx. 8 x 10 1/2 inches (no loose-leaf paper)
- 30 centimeter rulers, or a ruler with centimeters on one edge and inches on the other
- pencil sharpeners (small ones)
- blunt scissors (such as safety scissors with steel blades)
- unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- boxes of 16 or 24 crayons
- erasers, approx. 2 1/2 inches long



The supplies for each child are packed in cloth drawstring bags. Sandy Newhard has generously sewn over 100 of the bags, and we want to fill all of them.

Items will be collected until September 10, so keep your eyes open for back-to-school sales.

If you prefer not to go shopping, monetary donations will be accepted to use to purchase supplies. Checks may be made payable to "Good Shepherd Lutheran Church" and note that the funds are for school kit supplies.

Donations may be brought to church and placed in the donation box in the Narthex on Sundays during worship, or on weekdays Monday thru Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (use the back entrance by the church office).

The Social Ministry Committee is pleased to announce that this service project has been approved as a Thrivent Action Team project.

If you have any questions, contact Barb Wiemann (610-262-6977 or blwiemann@gmail.com).



September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Office closed	2
3 Worship 9:00am In touch	4 Labor Day Worship & Music 7:00pm	5 Christian Ed 7:00pm	6	7 Choir practice 7:30pm Council Reports Due	8 Office closed	9
10 Worship 9:00am Food Bank Rally Day!	11 Patriot Day Council Meeting 6:30pm	12	13	14 Choir practice 7:30pm	15 Office closed	16
17 Worship 9:00am Sunday School	18 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	19	20 Dine & Donate Grove Street	21 Choir practice 7:30pm	22 Office closed Peace Day	23 Autumn Begins Fall For Karaoke
24 Worship 9:00am Harvest Home Sunday School	25	26	27	28 Choir practice 7:30pm	29	30

Fundraising Committee Event

Mark your Calendar

2nd Annual Indoor Yard Sale, Basket Raffle and Bake Sale Event will be held on Saturday, December 9th from 9:00AM – 2:00PM.



Start getting your Yard Sale items to donate together **NO CLOTHING PLEASE**

We will start receiving items for the yard sale in September. Start thinking about maybe donating a basket for the raffle or a gift card in any amount. We will also need homemade baked good items or if you are not, a baker maybe some homemade fudge or candy you like to make.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THIS EVENT

Indoor Yard Sale – Set up sale in fellowship hall the Monday before event, price everything, help the day of event, and clean up the next week after.

Basket Raffle – Help put baskets together, come up with some basket ideas for people to donate items for, getting baskets organized for raffle, selling tickets day of event, calling winners, arranging day and time for pick-up of prizes.

Bake Sale – Getting bakers, packing cookies and other items Thursday and Friday night, pricing items, selling items day of event.

As you can see it takes a lot of help to run this event, the committee can not do this alone. If you would like to help in the organizing of any part of this event please sign the sheet on the bulletin board or contact LeAnne at 610-262-0293. Thank You!