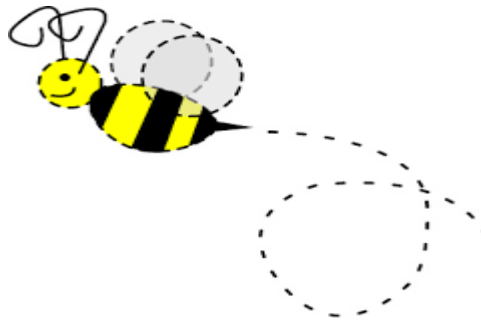


# The Shepherd's Staff

## *From the Pastor:*



August 2022

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

**August 1**  
**Music & Worship Meeting**

**August 2**  
**Christian Ed Meeting**

**August 21**  
**Food Bank Sunday**

**August 28**  
**Blessing of the Backpacks**

**Sept. 11**  
**Rally Day**

**Sept. 18**  
**Anniversary Service**

**Sept. 25**  
**Sunday School Begins**

Brothers and Sisters in Jesus,

It has been a challenging year so far as your pastor. Our organist, Alex, resigned, but God has blessed us with Jeffrey Raub. Come and hear him play. He is very excited about being here and starting choir in the fall.

We have lost members this year to death. The longer I am here, the harder the funerals go because you have become my dear friends. One of the beautiful things is that many choose to have a church funeral. I have done more here than my last church. This is a beautiful way to celebrate a life!

Now comes the difficult part of my message. We are struggling this year financially. We are not getting enough money in to meet our weekly expenses. We need \$3,101.00 each week to meet the budget. There have been more weeks than I want to count that we have not even reached \$2000. Our attendance is still down but slowly increasing. We have really been trying to watch our expenses. As always, we have building repair expenses that have crept up, such as our sanctuary lights, AC unit, and our septic system needing major work. This is just part of our yearly challenges. Consistent giving is the key to the church financial success.

This means try to give on a weekly basis. If you cannot attend, please mail in your church envelopes. Let's work on this together. Remember September 18th our anniversary with Bishop de Forest preaching. It will truly be a service of celebration and new beginnings!

In His Hands,

Pastor Gary

## **The Sharing Table....**

Once again this year, Good Shepherd Lutheran church will participate in a sharing table, located in the narthex. Please feel free to share your homegrown, canned items, fresh cut flowers or herbs or special items that you would like to share with congregation members. Proceeds will benefit the Northampton Area Food Bank and ELCA. ~ Social Ministry



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
1335 Old Carriage Road  
Northampton, PA 18067

**Church Office Hours**

9:00 AM—2:00 PM

Monday—Thursday

Tel. 610-262-9517

Fax 610-262-1966

goodshepherdlutheran@rcn.com

www.goodshepherdkreidersville.org

**Worship Service**

**9:00 AM**

**STAFF**

Pastor Gary L. Walbert

Cell # 610-217-6852

Jeffrey Raub

Director of Music Ministry

Jennifer Baker

Church Secretary

John Moschella

Sexton

**2022 Church Council**

Nicole Bogden— President

Chris Holub— Vice President

Jessica Kirkpatrick— Treasurer

Diane Kramer, Donna Pavlick,

Brian Dungan, Lisa Mann,

Jennifer Burrell, Ben Bogden

JoLynn Claroni— Financial Secretary

Laurie Andrew— Executive Secretary

Alexis Saylor— Recording Secretary

( not members of council)

**ARE YOU HOSTING AN EVENT?**

**OUR FELLOWSHIP HALL & PAVILION ARE THE  
PERFECT PLACE TO HOLD YOUR EVENT !  
PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO RESERVE  
YOUR DATE!**



**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

**School Kits**

Education is one of the best ways to break the cycle of poverty, leading to a better life for them, their families and their communities. As a result of the worldwide COVID pandemic, more families need help providing essential school supplies so that their children can continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. The Women of the ELCA is collecting school supplies to make school kits for Lutheran World Relief.

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 side 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

Items will be collected until September 11, 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 Women of the ELCA."

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).

WELCA thanks Sandy Newhard, who has generously offered to sew the cloth backpack bags that are used to hold each child's supplies. And WELCA 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), or Laurie Andrew (610-481-0336 or andrew5@ptd.net).

**Parochial Report**

date	attendance
June 5	91
June 12	90
June 19	45
June 26	43
<b>average</b>	<b>67.25</b>



## President's Corner

Hello everyone,

I hope your summer has been fun and relaxing. As August is now upon us, we will be soon sending our children back to school.

I would like to give a shout out to all that have helped out in the church the past few months. Thank you to the Property Committee especially Dean Yelles and Ed Filipovits for helping to fix our septic problem and the air conditioning in the Narthex. A big THANK YOU to Benjamin Bogden for his MIDI playing and live streaming of the services. Also a shout out to Jessica Kirkpatrick for all her time that she puts into being our Treasurer. Without all their hard work and dedication at the church, we may not be able to have our services or the church.

God Bless All that give not just their offering but their God given talents and time to serve our church and Lord.



Nicole Bogden  
Church Council President  
E-mail: bensmom1101@ptd.net  
Cell # 484-241-1275



### Choir Corner

Choir practice and Bell choir will begin for 2022-2023!

Have you thought about singing in our choir or playing in bell choir? Now is the time! All ages and abilities are welcome to join!

If you have questions please feel free to contact Jeffrey our Director of Music Ministry!

RaubJeffrey@gmail.com



*Join us on September 18, 2022 at 9am for our 50th Anniversary service celebration. Bishop Christopher de Forest will be preaching with us. Special music and special guests, with a light reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please mark you calendar! Sign up sheet will be in the narthex to donate food items.*

## Birthdays

Amber Adams	8/6
Lisa Mann	8/7
Kay Muehlberger	8/7
Nicole Bogden	8/9
Doug Flamisch	8/10
Jessica Kirkpatrick	8/10
Aubrie Layton	8/11
Stephen Shook	8/12
Gavin Seitter	8/15
Forrest Koch	8/16
Daniel Tyler	8/16
Paul Dennis	8/17
Amber Rogers	8/17
Linda Walbert	8/19
Scott Ruch Sr	8/20
Sharon Enstrom	8/21
Richard Mast	8/21
Donna Walck	8/22
Daniel Holub	8/23
Linda Houck	8/24
Kaitelyn Cantrel	8/26
Larry Graver	8/27
Stephanie Flamisch	8/29
Alex Vash	8/29
Debra Hoffman	8/31

## Anniversaries

<b>Robert and Sandra Osiecki</b>	8/5
<b>Dan and Donna Pavlick</b>	8/6
<b>Chad and Kristin Weiner</b>	8/7
<b>Dave and Crystal Ungiran</b>	8/10
<b>Carl and Jane Dodson</b>	8/13
<b>Ed and Lorie Filipovits</b>	8/15
<b>Brian and Amanda Dungan</b>	8/18
<b>Barry and Tina Miller</b>	8/20
<b>Gary and Linda Walbert</b>	8/22
<b>John and Lisa Mann</b>	8/25
<b>Thomas and Diane Kramer</b>	8/26
<b>Randy and Lori Borda</b>	8/28
<b>Dave and Diane Hausman</b>	8/29



### We Need You!



The church needs you! Our Church Constitution calls for 12 people to make up the Church Council. Will you be 1 of the 12?

Please see Council President Nicole or Pastor for more information.







## August Worship Assistant Schedule

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Pouring Chalice	Acolytes
<b>August 7</b>	Chris Holub	Linda Siekonic	Linda Siekonic	Andrew LaBarre
<b>August 14</b>	Jessica Kirkpatrick	Jen Burrell	Diane Hausman	Charles Burrell
<b>August 21</b>	Dave Hausman	Chris Holub	Gail Loch	William Burrell
<b>August 28</b>	Mark Weaver	Shelly Dorn	Barb Wiemann	Tori Schaffer

Date	Ushers
<b>August 7</b>	Doug Yelles, Dave Hausman, Shelly Dorn, Dan Pavlick
<b>August 14</b>	Ed Filipovits, Lorie Filipovits, Dean Yelles, Roseann Yelles
<b>August 21</b>	Dean Yelles, Roseann Yelles, Allison Quartararo, Charlie Burrell
<b>August 28</b>	Ed Filipovits, Dan Pavlick, Shelly Dorn, Doug Yelles



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



## SAVE THE DATE: December 10, 2022

The Fundraising Committee is excited to announce that we will once again be holding our Holiday Variety Shoppe on Saturday, December 10, 2022. This year we are expanding it to include a Basket Raffle! We are asking for the congregation to help us make this event special.

The more baskets the merrier; so think about joining us by making or filling a basket!

In the future you will see baskets appear in the Narthex. You can either take a basket(s) home to create your own basket(s) for the raffle or purchase suggested items to help fill a raffle basket and we will create it.

Themes for the baskets will be suggested, but any new items you would like to provide us with could be used, with extra items to be sold at the variety shoppe. Additionally, please consider donating a restaurant or retail store gift card for the raffle!

Also, in case you are cleaning out your house in the next few months, consider donating gently used items to us for the December sale instead of taking them to a non-profit organization for sale. PLEASE HOLD ON TO YOUR GENTLY USED ITEMS UNIL WE ASK FOR THEM!! We don't have space for them yet, and we will let you know when we will accept these items.

Updated details will be forthcoming in the monthly newsletters.

Carole Holub, Chair – Fundraising Committee



# PASTORAL ACTS



We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the friends and family of Barbara Shipe, who passed away into eternal life on June 28th.



Dear Friends of the Food Bank,

Thank you for your recent donation to the Northampton Area Food Bank. Your contribution makes a significant difference in the lives of families in our community. On behalf of the board of directors, volunteers, and especially the clients we are privileged to serve, many thanks for your kindness and generosity!  
Very Sincerely  
S. Kratzer



A total of 46 items were collected on Food Bank Sunday in July and delivered to the Northampton Area Food Bank.

Every third Sunday is In Touch Sunday here at GSLC



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.

## Holy Baptism

*We rejoice that those listed below have been liberated from sin and death by being joined in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ through the sacrament of Holy Baptism in the month of July.*

**Louis Arthur Schwarz**

**Born 5.17.20**

**Baptized 7.17.22**

*Son of Louis and Stephanie Schwarz  
Of Phillipsburg, NJ*

**Bear Nicholas Bealer**

**Born 3.20.22**

**Baptized 7.24.22**

*Son of Gregory and Charose Bealer  
Of Easton, PA*



## Have you heard the news...

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is accepting new members!**

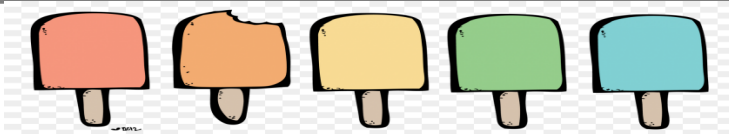
**Please feel free to invite your friends, family, new neighbors, old neighbors... ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**If you know someone that is interested in joining our congregation, please have them call our office to become a member!**

**Please welcome new members**

**Patrick Adams**

**David and Jane Laudenslager**



## Rally Day will be September 11, 2022!

Confirmation classes will begin for the 2022-2023 season, if there are any children 13 and over that are ready to begin Confirmation, please call the church office to sign up. Rally Day is a fun day of games, snacks and fellowship!

**FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT**

<b>JUNE OFFERING</b>	<b>\$9,213.50</b>
<b>JUNE TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$12,350.32</b>
	<b>-\$ 3,136.82</b>

**June online service viewers**

June 5	144
June 12	124
June 19	95
June 26	96

**2022 Financial breakdown for June**

Amount needed weekly to meet budget = \$ 3101.00

Amount needed weekly to pay bills = \$2,781.00

Date	Weekly offering	Memorial	Building repair	Total weekly
June 5	\$2768.50		\$155.00	\$2616.50
June 12	\$2075.00		\$20.00	\$2123.00
June 19	\$1641.00		\$22.00	\$1619.00
June 26	\$2434.00		\$45.00	\$2355.00

*The 2022 VBS program at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church that took place the week of June 20th raised \$43.00 to be donated to the ELCA Refugee Fund.*

**Amazon Smiles**

Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible 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.

**January—March 2022 contribution- \$22.36**

**Six Month Statements are now available...**

If you would like a copy of your six month contribution statement from the church, please call Jen in the office @ 610-262-9517, or send an email to us at [GoodShepherdLutheranChurch@rcn.com](mailto:GoodShepherdLutheranChurch@rcn.com)

We will be happy to send it to you in the mail or by email.





# SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA

Mission

STRONGER  
together

Bear  
Creek

*I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (Ephesians 3:18-19)*

The verse above centers the theme of Bear Creek Camp for its Summer 2022 season: "Wild Abundance." Whenever I get to visit the Camp - which is the geographically largest camp in the ELCA Outdoor Ministry system - I am always struck with how big God's blessings are to us, and for us. The "Wild Abundance" of BCC also points to the whole point of God's abundant grace and gifts: we are blessed to be a blessing. God gives, without conditions, so that we may give the same way, and share joy and life, in an unlimited and everlasting spiral - reaching down to those in need, reaching up towards forgiveness and strength from God, who out of love for us and for Christ's sake promises to raise us all. So we give, to Mission Support - to bless ministries like BCC, so they may bless all who come to them, with God's Wild Abundance. + Bishop Christopher deForest



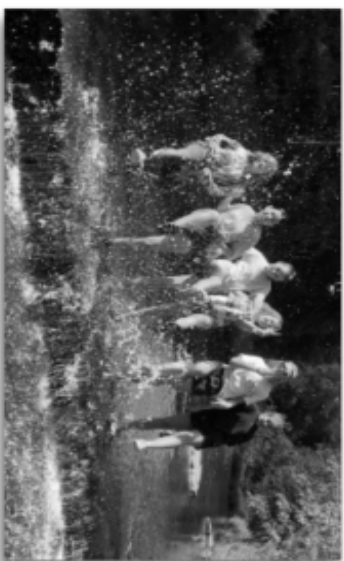
The Summer of 2021 at Bear Creek Camp was one of rediscovery of much of what had put on hold in 2020 and one of reinvention of new ways to live out our calling of building community and individuals while exploring, celebrating, and growing in God's creation. As we look forward to continuing to build on this foundation in for Summer Camp in 2022, we reflect back on one of the most powerful moments of returning to camp in 2021.

The first Sunday night of this past summer's Session One after a tasty dinner of spaghetti and meatballs, all the campers gathered together as a large group for the very first time around the bonfire circle. While learning and singing songs, the woods once again fully echoed with the glee of campers returning to this place so many call their second home. Near the midpoint of that first gathering, there was a quiet moment of pause. Looking around the circle, summer staff were in their brand-new teal tee-shirts keeping their heads on a swivel making sure their campers were all okay. Two campers that hadn't seen each other since camp two years prior held hands in that way only best camp friends do. Nervous first-time campers reacted every time a hemlock log would pop in the fire shooting sparks high up in the sky. This small moment in time was the manifestation of all the work our community had done over the past two years came to fruition; all the supporters that it took to get to that point of sharing in God's love as a community around a simple campfire.

**Everything we do at camp throughout the year is building to moments like those opening bonfires.** Whether facilities projects, summer staff salaries, food purchases or camperships - every resource we steward is moving us towards living into our shared mission. With your generous individual and congregational gifts and Mission Support throughout this past year and prayerfully continuing into the future, we look forward to further building the BCC community and welcoming all to experience the power of God within this place. + Collin Grooms, Executive Director

**Bear Creek Camp seeks to provide a place apart: to live and grow in God's creation. Your mission support allows campers and staff to experience God in a new way. Campers discover young adult role models, and staff put their faith into action. In fact, the majority of seminarians cite outdoor ministry as key to their vocation story. Thank you for your faithful, generous, and consistent giving to Mission Support! It makes a difference as we endeavor to live out that mission.**

Find synod news  
and events at  
[godslve.org](http://godslve.org)



# August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Worship and Music Meeting 7pm	2 Christian Ed 7pm	3 <b>COUNCIL REPORTS DUE</b>	4	5 Office closed	6
7 9:00AM WORSHIP	8 <b>Council Meeting 6:30PM</b>	9	10	11	12 Office closed	13
14 9:00AM WORSHIP	15	16	17 <b>NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</b>	18 Choir practice 7:00pm	19 Office closed	20
21 9:00AM WORSHIP Food Bank Sunday	22	23	24	25 Choir practice 7:00pm	26 Office closed	27
28 9:00AM WORSHIP	29	30	31			

**Our GSLC 2022 Corn- Hole Champions!  
Charlie and William Burrell aka  
"The Chocolate Factory!"**

