

From the Pastor:

Brothers and sisters in Jesus,

Over the past few weeks, I have been longing for spring and Easter but before we get there we have to go through Lent. Lent comes from the Latin root meaning, "to lengthen." It reminds us that during the season of spring, the sun takes a little longer each evening to settle beyond the horizon. With this, the weather grows warmer and life emerges once more. Lent is our connecting point to the season of life.

But Lent is a messy season. As the snows of winter lie on the ground, things get covered, trampled and wind blown. As the snow melts, we are left to discover the trash, the litter and the mud beneath the snow.

It is much like our lives. Over time, our hearts and souls, when left unattended, get messy. Lent invites us to deal with the mess. This is not about quickly cleaning things up and pretending they were never there, nor is it about ignoring the mess. Lent invites us to roll up our sleeves and sort through the debris of our lives.

Remember the words of Ash Wednesday; "remember you are dust and to dust you shall return." We are mortals and at the same time, created in the image of God. We are faced with our utter brokenness and staring at our sins searching our hearts.

This is what Lent does. It allows us to see the parts of ourselves we'd rather cover up. It asks us to drag out full self into the light of day, no matter how dark it may be. As we near the end of Lent, we encounter Good Friday; a day we look upon the horrendous death of Jesus.

Lent and Good Friday invite us to brush against the death of Jesus as we sort through the death in our own hearts. Good Friday is the moment when Jesus' death and our sin crash into one another and in that moment, we ache for Easter.

And so, as we enter into the Lenten season, may we remember we are dust and to dust we shall return. May we examine our frail, flawed soul and with Jesus, enter the darkness of our sin and death and journey with Him to the cross. May we anticipate the glorious day of Easter and hear those beautiful words: "He is Risen!"

Yours in Jesus,

Pastor Gary

Planning Ahead.....

Scout Sunday
February 4

Cub Scouts Pancake Breakfast
February 4

Food Bank Sunday
February 11

Soup & Desert Sale
February 11

Ash Wednesday
February 14

Family Movie Night
February 17

Soup & Desert Sale
February 18

In Touch Sunday
February 18

Wednesday Lenten Service
February 21
11am Worship
7pm Worship

Wednesday Lenten Service
February 28
11am Worship
7pm Worship



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9:00 AM

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Congregation Council

Nicole Bogden President
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(Alexis is not a member of Council)

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Happy Birthday...

Happy Anniversary...

Lorie Gaugler February 1
Janice Andrew February 2
Jaxson Dennis February 2
Shelia Persing February 3
Ralph Tobias February 3
Judy Snyder February 4
Tori Schaffer February 6
Ruth Goodin February 7
Courtney Hahn February 7
Fran Shoemaker February 8
Lauren Yelles February 9
Christine Vash February 12
Nicholas Vash February 12
Zachery Vash February 12
Carl Reimer February 14
Jennifer Gaugler 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 S. Evans, III February 22
Giavanna Facenda February 23
Dylan Streitman February 24
Andrew Kalynych February 25
Alexa Wiland February 25
Brian Mitchell February 27
Brock Weiner February 27
Leah Krill February 28
Barbara Wiemann February 28

Morry & Joyce Pulley
February 14

40 Years!

Dean & Roseann Yelles
February 22

Parochial Report

Date	Attendance
12/3	91
12/10	Cancelled
12/17	97
12/24 9am	79
12/24 4:00pm	119
12/24 7:30pm	100
12/31	43
TOTAL	529
AVG.	77.5

President's Corner

As February approaches and our Lenten Season begins, I welcome everyone to take part in our Lenten services. Embrace the Lenten Season and imagine just what our great Lord has done for us. Think about all that he gave to save us. Would you or even could you do the same? I pray that each of us take this time to really look at our own lives and ask ourselves is this what God intended for us?

God Bless,
Nicole

Nicole Bogden
President



December Financial Report

As of December 31, 2017

Current Balances	
Checking	
Building Repair	
Mem. Fund	
Money Mkt	\$55,122.55
Christ. Ed. M.M.	\$10,650.23
CD's	\$90,334.48

	General	Building Repair	Memorial
December 3, 2017			
December 10, 2017			
December 17, 2017			
December 24, 2017			
December 31, 2017			
Income in December			
December Expenses			



Good Shepherd Music Notes

Happy New Year from the Good Shepherd musicians! I hope everyone enjoyed our Christmas Eve services, the choir worked very hard on the services and we hope our music enhanced worship and made Christmas even more special.

We have already begun our Easter preparations, and again I would like to invite anyone who would like to sing with us for Palm Sunday and/or Easter Sunday to join us! I have challenged the choir in this new year to take our repertoire to a new level with more challenging and fun anthems coming monthly. We hope you enjoy our upcoming music and consider giving choir a try on Thursday's at 7pm and Sunday's at 8am, no experience needed!

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Please call the Church Office . . .

- * When you or a family member is admitted to the hospital. Our hospital number is 232.
- * When you move, change phone numbers/email addresses.
- * When you or a member of your family leaves home for college, military service or establishes a new residence.
- * When you or a member of your family marries, so we can update name changes.
- * When a new baby arrives
- * When you or a family member has a change in health status, i.e., a move from independent to dependent living or to be put on our shut-in list.

To let us know this information you can contact the office, directly at 610-262-9571, or you can email it to us at goodshepherdlutheran@rcn.com or drop a note in the collection basket.



The Way of the Cross

This year during our mid-week services, our theme will be “The Way of the Cross.” We will be exploring some of the stops of Jesus as He shouldered His burden, the cross, until He arrives at His final destination. The mid-week services will be at 11am and 7pm every Wednesday during Lent.

February 14	Ash Wednesday
11am	Service
7pm	Service
February 21	Midweek 1— Pilate Condemns Jesus to Death
11am	Service
7pm	Service
February 28	Midweek 2—Jesus Falls for The First Time
11am	Service
7pm	Service
March 7	Midweek 3—Jesus Meets His Mother, Mary
11am	Service
7pm	Service
March 14	Midweek 4—Veronica Wipes The Face of Jesus
11am	Service
7pm	Service
March 21	Midweek 5—Jesus Dies on The Cross
11am	Service
7pm	Service
March 25	Palm Sunday
	First Communion

**March 29 Maundy Thursday**

11am Holy Communion

7pm Holy Communion/Stripping of the Altar

March 30 Good Friday

Noon Community Good Friday Service; Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Bath

7pm Tenebrae

April 1 Easter

6:30am Easter Sunrise Service

Holy Communion

Easter Breakfast

Fellowship Hall

9:00am Festival Service

**FUNDRAISING**

Soup & Dessert Sale

February 11 & February 18

The Fundraising Committee is having a Soup and Dessert Sale on February 11 and February 18.

Volunteers are needed to make soups and desserts.

Pint containers and lids will be provided.

A Sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Please contact Carole Holub (610-262-7493) or JoLynn Claroni (484-645-0026) with any questions.



NEWS

Just a reminder that Sunday School still continues every Sunday at 10:15 a.m. All ages are encouraged to attend. So after church service please make your way down the hallway and find the classroom that is right for you. We also have a Nursery for newborn to 6 years old. We hope to see everyone.



"The Quake" is quickly coming upon us!

Feb. 9-11, 2018

Some of our youth remember attending last year and some are interested in staying overnight this year. Quake is an inspirational time of youth fun, music and fellowship. All Youth in grades 6 - 12 are invited to attend. Any Youth that is interested in attending Quake, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. We highly encourage all youth to attend. You will have a great time and meet new people.



Family Movie Night

Saturday, February 17th, 6pm

Outreach is sponsoring Family Movie Night!
Bring your blanket(s) or a comfortable chair!
Snacks drinks will be provided.
Bring your favorite candy!



First Holy Communion Classes

When a child is able to receive their First Holy 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 13 and March 20 at 7pm in the Sanctuary. Students will receive their First Holy Communion on Palm Sunday, March 25.

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, as soon as possible in order to plan on materials.

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	Nursery
February 4	Cub Scouts	Ben Bogden	Mark Weaver	Donna Walck	Cub Scouts	Brandon Koch	Diane Kramer Josh Klusaritz
February 11	Alyssa Cantrell	David Hausman	Gail Loch	LeAnne Krill	David Hausman	Mike Hahn	Brenda Koch Emma Dungan
February 14 Ash Wednesday	Bryanna Bogden	Chris Holub	Rena Yelles	Laurie Andrew	Chris Holub		Alyssa Cantrell Hope Eisenhard
February 18	Talbot Houck	Laurie Andrew	Jessica Kirkpatrick	Diane Hausman	Linda Houck	Hope Eisenhard	Karen Hahn Emily Wiland
February 25	Ahren Dennis	Jason Bogden	Linda Siekonic	Donna Walck	Ben Bogden	Brenda Koch	Donna Yelles Conor Sandt

Date	Ushers
2/4, 2/11 & 2/14 (Ash Wednesday)	Jason Bogden, Kyle Koehler, Donald Ruch, Doug Yelles
2/18 & 2/25	David Hausman, Forrest Koch, 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.

Pastoral Acts
Death

Luther George
January 19, 2018



PASTOR GARY'S FOOD BANK CHALLENGE

150 items in December
109 items in January

- 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 11**) our prayers will include the food gifts, the recipients, and the donors.
- "IN TOUCH" Sunday is always the third Sunday of the month (**February 18**) Take a name of a member and send a card so they know we are thinking of them, remember them and wish them well and keeping them in our prayers.



Thrivent News

Happy New Year Good Shepherd Congregational Members.

As a reminder, congregational members who have Thrivent accounts may be eligible to direct yearly profits earned by Thrivent, **but not from your personal account earnings**, to a charitable organization of your choice, **Good Shepherd being one of them**. Your accounts may qualify for what Thrivent calls Choice Dollars, which is money Thrivent will donate to an organization selected by you. This is how Thrivent partners with its account holders in a joint effort to give back to the community. Please keep Good Shepherd in mind when reviewing your eligibility for these choice dollars.

To review your Choice Dollars eligibility please follow these steps:

1. Visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice
2. In the Direct Choice Dollars section on the right, select the "Get started now" link
3. Log in and enter your user ID and password, and answer your security question. (If you have not registered on Thrivent.com, click: Register for account access.)
4. Find the number of Choice Dollars available to direct on the right side of the screen.

Locate the organization you want to direct to:

To direct to a previous organization:

Click "Direct Now" next to the organization name; or

On the Activity History page scroll down and click the name of the desired organization.

To direct to a new organization, enter keywords like organization name, zip, etc..

Click "**FIND**"

Click "Direct ALL or enter a specific number and click, "Direct Now." Follow the prompts on the confirmation window to direct Choice Dollars.

If Members are unsure if they receive Choice Dollars or if they would like to direct them but do not utilize Thrivent online, they should contact their representative or call 1-800-THRIVENT for assistance.

Members have until March to donate Choice Dollars from the previous calendar year.

Thanks for your consideration in this reminder



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SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

A New Ministry Partnership



Joint choir under the direction of Geert Ruelens

On December 1, 2016, Nativity and St. Paul, Reading, entered into a ministry partnership when they agreed to share Geert Ruelens as their musician. On Monday evening, both choirs rehearse together; and in 2017 the two congregations joined in celebrating Epiphany and Ascension (to which they invited the community); and they worshiped together on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and for the Easter Vigil.

When Nativity's interim pastor, Cathy Feil, received a call, St. Paul and Nativity saw an opportunity to deepen their partnership. They entered into fruitful discussions about sharing a pastor, guided by the Holy Spirit and Associate of the Bishop, Rev. John C. Richter. On August 1 St. Paul's pastor, Carol B. Kehler, began serving also at Nativity after an agreement was reached to purchase time from St. Paul. On August 6, Pastor Richter offered prayers for the beginning of a new ministry at Nativity.

Congregational leaders join in Worship and Music Committee meetings as well as in a quarterly Council meeting to evaluate the ongoing partnership. Members have four weekly opportunities for Worship, two for Bible study, and share Eucharistic ministers. The congregations look forward to sharing both another Epiphany celebration as well as an Advent 4 service on December 24 (for which a bell choir will be formed).

Between Nativity and St. Paul, 74 families received a Thanksgiving basket containing a full meal, prayerfully offered by the congregations. As the congregations look to influence each other in the best of ways, St. Paul has adopted Nativity's yearly Women's Thankoffering and Nativity members have contributed food, clothing, and household donations to St. Paul's monthly Food Pantry. St. Paul and Nativity will continue trusting in God's guidance as they look to the future together.

Second Annual Parish Secretaries' Christmas Lunch

On Tuesday, December 12, the synod support staff hosted the 2nd Annual Parish Secretaries' Christmas Lunch. All NEPS congregations were encouraged to treat their parish secretaries to a time of fellowship and a catered lunch. The group had an opportunity to ask questions of the synod's support staff, play some Christmas games, make new friends, and reconnect with old friends.



Talking About Racism

WHITE PRIVILEGE CONFERENCE

In 2016 the Youth, Young Adult, and Family Ministry Team of the Synod received a grant to help young people learn about racism and how they could help heal the wounds of racism. Several of them attended the "White Privilege Conference." The next conference will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan from April 4-April 7, 2018. Take a team of folks from your congregation (<http://www.whiteprivilegeconference.com/wpc.html>).

ORGANIZATION: Race Forward

"Race Forward's mission is to build awareness, solutions, and leadership for racial justice by generating transformative ideas, information, and experiences. We define racial justice as the systematic fair treatment of people of all races, resulting in equitable opportunities and outcomes for all and we work to advance racial justice through media, research, and leadership development." (<https://www.raceforward.org>).

The vision statement: "Race Forward envisions a vibrant world in which people of all races create, share and enjoy resources and relationships equitably, unleashing individual potential, embracing collective responsibility and generating global prosperity. We strive to be a leading values-driven social justice enterprise where the culture and commitment created by our multi-racial and diverse staff supports individual and organizational excellence and sustainability."

St. Paul, White Haven Community Lunch Program



St. Paul, White Haven is a small church in a small town; but church members and helpful friends serve approximately 3,400 meals a year to anyone who stops by for lunch on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

The church's Community Lunch Program has been in place for years; but in 2014 Sherry Legg, St. Paul's Secretary, thought the community needed a communal celebration - a free Thanksgiving dinner. Encouraged by commitments from an informal social media poll, Sherry organized her husband and their four kids, her parents, extended family and friends, and they served 163 guests for dinner on Thanksgiving Eve.

Billed as The Second Annual White Haven Community Thanksgiving Dinner, the 2015 event attracted nearly 200 guests in a raging snowstorm that knocked out power briefly, panicking the kitchen workers.



By 2016, with 258 guests, the event had truly become a community tradition. The high school Key Club showed up to help, St. Patrick's RCC members roasted turkeys, and Boy and Girl Scouts helped set up and decorate. The local ambulance crew delivered meals to shut-ins, and the

Lions Club wrote a check. This year the White Haven Market donated turkeys, and Thrivent sent a donation.

The 2017 guest numbers grew to 317, which is nearly 30 percent of the population of White Haven.

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FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 CHOIR PRACTICE 7PM	2	3
4 SCOUT SUNDAY 9:00AM WORSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15AM CUB SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST 10:15AM	5 GIRL SCOUTS 6PM WORSHIP & MUSIC 7PM	6 CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 7:30PM	7 BOY SCOUT PLANNING MTG. 7PM	8 CHOIR PRACTICE 7PM	9	10 50+ 1PM
11 FOOD BANK SUNDAY 9:00AM WORSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15AM	12 GIRL SCOUTS 6PM COUNCIL 7PM	13 CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM	14 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 11AM SERVICE 7PM	15 CHOIR PRACTICE 7PM	16	17 FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT 6PM
18 IN TOUCH SUNDAY 9:00AM WORSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15AM	19 GRACEDALE 3:30PM GIRL SCOUTS 6PM OUTREACH 6:30PM	20 CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM	21 LENTEN SERVICE 11:00AM LENTEN SERVICE 7:00PM	22 CHOIR PRACTICE 7PM	23	24
25 9:00AM WORSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15AM	26 GIRL SCOUTS 6PM PROPERTY 7PM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 7PM	27 CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM	28 LENTEN SERVICE 11:00AM LENTEN SERVICE 7:00PM			