

The Shepherd's Staff

October 2025



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus, What does the Reformation mean to you?

A special Sunday at the end of October, in which we celebrate the birthday of the Lutheran Church. What Luther did that day was the first small step of the Reformation. There were many battles until the Lutheran Church really began.

It was not a once and done event but an ongoing event and it is still happening today. A church needs to be true to its beliefs to be relevant. Not to bend like a reed to what society feels is right but what God says is right.

It is the same in our personal life. Francis of Assisi calls for continued conversion. This means each day we need to grow closer to God. As we grow daily closer to God, He opens our eyes to those in need around us, the hungry, the poor, the homeless and those with disabilities. He also opens our eyes to how we can change in our own personal lives.

God doesn't want the church or us to remain stagnant but continue growing in our lives with Him.

Your Brother in Jesus, Pastor Gary

Have you moved or changed your phone number? We want to hear from you so we keep our information current. Give the office a call at 610-262-9517. Remember we are only as good as the information we have and be assured we don't share that information.



October 5

Blessing of the Animals 1-2pm

October 6

Worship & Music 7pm

October 7

Christian Ed 7pm

October 12

Corn Maze & Pumpkin Patch Unangst Farm 2pm

October 13

Gracedale visit
3pm
&
Council Meeting
6:30pm

October 17 & 18

Basket Auction 17th from 4-8pm 18th from 9-2pm

October 19

Club 139 2pm & Dine & Donate at Samuel Owens 5-9pm

October 25

Halloween Dance 6-9pm

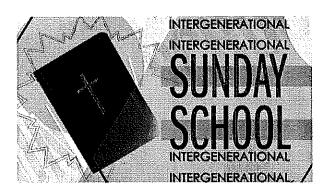
October 26

Reformation Sunday Please wear RED!

2025 Financial breakdown for September

Amount needed weekly to meet budget = \$3,180.00 Amount needed weekly to pay bills =\$2,810.00

Date	Weekly offering	Memorial	Building repair
8/3	\$3282.50		\$260.00
8/10	\$3037.50		\$50.00
8/17	\$1070.00	\$1000.00	\$20.00
8/24	\$2427.50		\$120.00
8/31	\$1360.50		

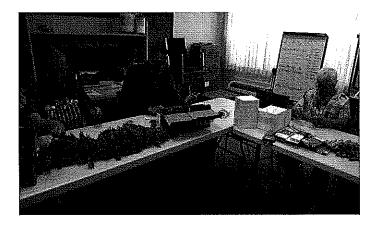


GSLC will be hosting an Intergenerational Sunday School after 9am service on November 16th. We will meet in the sanctuary. The discussion will be "Is heaven real?" Please join us if you are able.









Thank You!

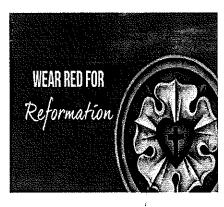
The Social Ministry Committee's Lutheran World Relief School Kit mission project was a great success. We assembled 239 kits which will enable children who have been impacted by war and natural disasters to attend school. This is 64 more kits than last year! Thank you to those who donated fabric for the school bags; Cindy Evans, Judy Fehr, and Roseann Yelles for sewing the bags; everyone who donated school supplies, money to purchase supplies, and boxes to pack the kits; to Ben Bogden, Bryanna Bogden, Nicole Bogden, Judy Fehr, Rick Fehr, Marge Leith, Gail Loch, Tina Miller, Ann Moyer, and Kathy Toth for efficiently assembling the kits; and to Thrivent for an Action Team Grant to support this mission project.







10/5	29yrs.
10/9	4yrs.
10/13	13yrs.
10/13	35yrs.
10/14	47yrs.
10/14	24yrs.
10/18	1yr.
10/19	40yrs.
10/23	32yrs.
10/26	19yrs.
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Please remember to join us on Reformation Sunday on October 26th at 9am. Please remember to wear RED.







After starting a new diet I altered my drive to work to avoid passing my favorite bakery.

I accidentally drove by the bakery this morning and as I approached, there in the window were a host of chocolates, donuts, and cheesecakes.

I felt this was no accident, so I prayed ... "Lord, it's up to You. If You want me to have any of those delicious goodies, create a parking place for me directly in front of the

And sure enough, on the eighth time around the block, there it was! God is so good!





The first Music On The Mountain is behind us and there are plans for next years event already in the works. We had a great turnout of vendors and we want to thank them all for participating. The hall was beautifully decorated and the kitchen was in full swing. So many people were involved in making things come together. God provided a beautiful day. The music happened under the pavilion and in the fellowship hall. The Bryant Brothers Band were fantastic and we were able to showcase some wonderful young talent from the area.

There were games for the kids (although the adults played too) and activities. Scoopendorf's provided ice cream. Scout Troop 40 attended and a firetruck from Allen Township was on hand to be checked out by any curious visitors. We had a lot of people attend that didn't know about Good Shepherd but were amazed by the view.

Overall everyone agreed that for the 1st year Music on the Mountain was a Success!



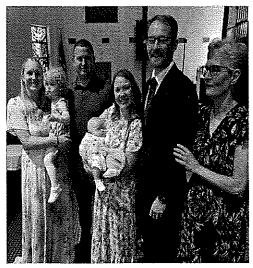






From top left to right: Bryant Brother Band; Marge Leith and Carole Holub part of the kitchen crew Fellowship Hall just before the lunch crowd Our raffle team of Kathy Miller, Nicole & Bryanna Bogden and Tina Miller.

PASTORAL ACTS

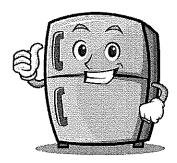


We celebrated the baptism on September 14th of Jackson Tiwold Kramer, who is the son of Cody & Megan Kramer. May they always remember this day, and may God's love and blessing fill all of their tomorrows.





Social Ministry will be visiting Gracedale on Monday, October 13th. Anyone interested in joining us, please meet in the Gracedale lobby at 2:30pm. We will be distributing a fall themed prayer and puzzle. Please contact Judy Fehr, at 610–392–7127, if you are able to attend.



Special thanks to Bill Gebhardt for the generous donation of the mini refrigerator for the coffee room. No more worries about having the creamer close at hand for our social time after service.

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 homebound members 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 Northampton Area Food Bank.





Harvest Home happened on September 21st. Good Shepherd always rises to the occasion of this special Sunday. We collected a total of 246 items. All of the fresh items were taken to Victory House and the remaining items were delivered to Northampton Area Food Bank. Blessings to everyone that donated and those that

set up and packed up.



Come one, come all and bring your animal companions too for this day of blessings. Sunday, October 5th from 1-2pm at the main entrance of the church. Please have your pets on a leash or in a carrier. We welcome all pets. Hope to see you there.

Thank you to everyone that donated washcloths and lotion for the victims of the floods in Texas. We were able to deliver double the amount requested by the Lutheran Synod.

GSLC collected 82 washcloths & 72 lotions. Our Social Ministry here at Good Shepherd does so much and for that we are truly blessed.









IT WILL BE A SCARY GOOD TIME.

Join us on Saturday October 25th from 6-9pm. Costumes are welcome but not necessary. DJ Ben will provide the dance music and of course there will be loads of treats. Don't be scared, it will be a great time.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

To everyone who helped in any way to make the Rummage Sale go so smoothly. We had close to 30 people who helped in one way or another, even several people who are not members of Good Shepherdtoo many to name.

Everyone did a splendid job and all your efforts were much appreciated. All together from the sale and the kitchen we took in a total of \$1,636.60.



With Thanks and Appreciation to All!

Marge Leith





UPCOMING MEETING NOTICE

The Greenwood Cemetery Company of Howertown, PA invites all plot holders to its Annual Meeting to be held Monday, November 3, 2025 at 5pm. The meeting will be held at the Greenwood

Cemetery office/garage.

October 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday 2 Bells 6:30 Choir 7:30	Friday 3	Saturday 4
5 Blessing of the Animals 1-2 pm Worship 9am	6 Worship & Music 7pm	7 Christian Ed 7pm	8	9 Bells 6:30 Choir 7:30	10	11
Corn Maze at Unangst Tree Farm. Pick your own pumpkin. 2pm	13 Visit to Gracedale. Meet at 3pm Council Meeting 6:30 pm	14	15	16 Bells 6:30 Choir 7:30	BASKET AUCTION 4-8 PM	18 BASKET AUCTION 9-2PM
19 Club 139 is back! 2pm Dine & Donate Samuel Owens 5-9pm Worship 9am	20	21	22	23 Bells 6:30 Choir 7:30	24	25 Halloween Dance 6-9pm
26 Reformation Sunday Worship 9am	27	28	29	30 Bells 6:30 Choir 7:30	31 Happy Halloween.	





Daylight Savings Time ends when we fall back at 2 a.m. EST on Sunday, Nov. 2, 2025.

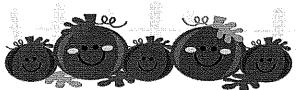
We want to make sure that you are on time for 9am worship.





Join our Dine & Donate event at Samuel Owens in Coplay on Sunday, October 19th from 5-9pm.
Something tasty is always cooking at Samuel Owens.
Perfect way to end your weekend.





You just might be the cutest pumpkin in the patch if you join us on October 12th at 2pm at Unangts Tree Farm at 7300 Bath Pike (Rt 512) in Bath. They offer a corn maze and pumpkin patch where you can purchase pumpkins.

We will meet back at the church in the pavilion around 5pm for hot dogs and a campfire.

Raindate: Oct. 19th

Club 139 is starting again October 19th from 2-4pm

As Psalm 139:14 states:

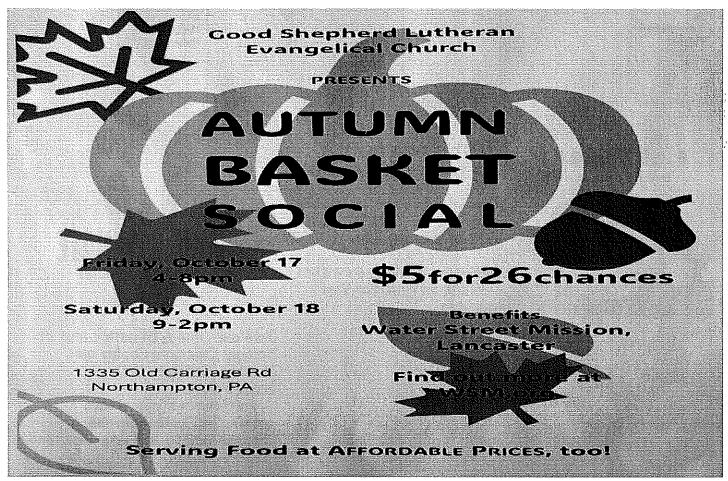
"I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well."

We have had great interest so far and welcome Special Needs young adults from the ages of 12-21. We will be meeting on the 3rd Sunday of every month from 2-4pm. Our mission is to bring Christ into your life, meeting you where you are.



Inclusive Special Needs Ministry

Sign up on our website: WWW.GOODSHEPHERDKREIDERSVILLE.ORG



Redner's warehouse markets save-a-tape program

Thank you to everyone who faithfully brings in their shopping receipts from Redner's. Special appreciation to Nicole & Bryanna Bogden for their efforts in entering all the receipts that were collected. GSLC received **\$963.78**. All we can say is keep them coming!!!



5 th ANNUAL CLOTHING SWAP

Clean out your closet and freshen up your wardrobe for the new school year! Donation Drop-off: Nov 8th 9am – 11am
Bring all new or gently worn clean clothing items to donate to the sale.

Shop: Nov 8th 12pm – 3pm

12pm to 2pm- All items \$1 each (Cash, Credit, Tap to Pay accepted)

2pm - 3pm- CLEARANCE: Everything must go, FREE!!

ALL GENDERS & SIZES OF GENTLY USED, AND STAIN FREE DONATIONS ACCEPTED

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Worship Service 9:00 AM

Pastor Gary L. Walbert Cell # 610-217-6852

Kristen Merkert

Organist /Choir Director

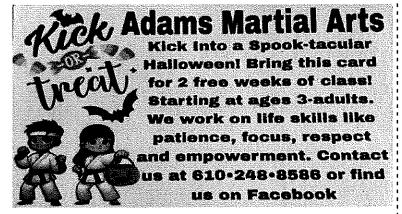
Beverly Moore

Church Administrator

Hope to see you on Sunday.



CLIP ME!





In the US, over 1 billion pounds of pumpkins are harvested annually for fall, with Illinois being the largest producer, harvesting about 485 million pounds.



All Saints Celebration: November 2, 2025

Each year the church takes pause to celebrate the saints who have gone before us and now rest in paradise. This is a special time when we are able to remember those who have helped to form our lives and have been special to us. We are inviting you to share the name or names of loved one(s) to be remembered that day.

Please use the form below and kindly properties of loved one (s)	place in the offering plate when completed or mail back to the office.
Submitted by:	Phone Number:
Please note only the names giv	ven to us on the All Saints form will be included on the list.
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Veterans I	Day Service, November 9, 2025
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Full name of loved one(Name	s) (First, Middle, Last) and which branch they have served in. Branch
