



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus,

The past two months have been the hardest of my life. I have been with many people who have taken the journey Home, but when it is someone you love it is entirely different.

As I look back over these past few weeks, I think about what I learned:

- 1) Linda touched more lives than she ever thought she did. She did it through knitting, music, sharing meals and just talking. I found this out through conversations, texts and cards.*
- 2) I am blessed with a wonderful family. They supported me every step of the way. My entire family was at Linda's funeral. I could not have done it without them.*
- 3) I am blessed with being part of a warm and loving congregation. You were supporting me each step of the way. You showed love through conversations, phone calls and cards. I can never thank you enough for all you did to help me.*
- 4) Lastly and most importantly, I could not have made it through without Jesus.*

Psalm 23:4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me...

Isaiah 43 tells us even though we will go through rough times, God will always be with us. He has called us by name and we are His. I know where Linda is, she is healed and whole and without pain. We are all blessed with a loving God to take care of us in times of grief and trouble. He will never ever leave us alone.

*With deepest thanks,
Pastor Gary*



September 1
Christian Ed
7pm

September 6
In Touch Sunday

September 7
Labor Day
Church office closed

September 13
Rally Day
"Joy to the World"
Food Bank Sunday
Bring in those food items!

September 14
Council Meeting
6:30pm

September 19
BINGO!!!
Doors open at 12:30

September 20
Harvest Home

September 21
Peace Day

September 22
Autumn Begins

September 25
Dine & Donate
Panera Bread
4-8pm

October 3
Outdoor Movie
Night 7pm

Girl Scout Clothing
Swap 11-3pm

October 11
Blessing of the
Animals



Thank youto all (there are too many to name.) who helped to make our Rummage Sale a success. Due to amazing help from so many, we made \$525.00 in the kitchen and \$2,432.00 on the sale. That's a total of \$2,957.00.
In appreciation,
Marge Leith



The Clock is Ticking!! September 19th will be here before you know it. This is the time to get your tickets. This will be a Gift Card Bingo . Doors open at 12:30!! We have some really great gift cards to offer. Tickets are \$25.00. Last time we sold out! We don't want you to miss out this time. Please contact the church office or stop by to pick up your tickets. The kitchen will be open and of course there will be baked goods!!
Reach out to the church office at 610-262-9517.
Hope to see you there. Oh, and spread the word.



The growing season has been a little strange this year. Some things are flourishing and some not so much. However, we here at GSLC are doing pretty well with sharing what we grow. Please bring your items or pick up a few to take home. Donations support the Northampton Area Food Bank and ELCA. Our collection so far has yielded \$292.50. Outstanding !

2026 Financial breakdown for September

Amount needed weekly to meet budget = \$ 3,334.00

Date	Weekly offering	Memorial	Building repair
7/5/2026	\$2711.50		\$315.00
7/12/2026	\$2888.50		35.00
7/19/2026	\$2246.00		\$20.00
7/26/2026	\$3163.50		\$120.00



Sandra Graver	9/1
Ann Hoff	9/7
Sandra Osiecki	9/7
Thomas Schwartz	9/7
Norma Bauer	9/8
Charles Burrell	9/8
Kitty Buss	9/8
Susan Ritton	9/8
Crystal Ungiran	9/10
Barry Saylor	9/11
Daniel Pavlick	9/13
Boyd Moore	9/13
Juliett Fatzinger	9/15
Robert Buss, Jr.	9/22
Brenda Koch	9/22
Paul Peters	9/22
Beverly Lubenesky	9/25
Alan Shook	9/25
Suzanne Tyler	9/25
William Grannetino	9/27
Gloria Wunderler	9/27
Barry Miller	9/28
Jean Bealer	9/29

Jodie & Gene Budihas-Roginsky	9/3	21yrs.
Mark & Chrissy Weaver	9/3	10yrs.
Alan & Stephaine Shook	9/4	31yrs.
Mary Dennis & Edwin Marshall	9/7	33yrs.
Al & Barb Wiemann	9/24	49yrs.
Peggy & Ralph Tobias	9/27	67yrs.
Barry & Kathleen Gilbert	9/28	40yrs.



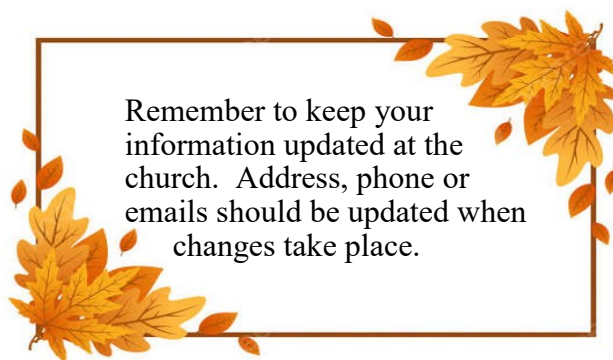
Autumn begins on September 22nd.

*A fallen leaf is nothing more than a
summer's wave goodbye.*

A Note of Thanks

A special Thank You for the cards, prayers and well wishes in the loss of my dear sister, Janet. It all meant so much me. What a great church family we have.

Marge Leith



just kidding!

To bide their time on a long train trip, three pastors agree to share their darkest secrets. "Once a month," says the first pastor, "I go on a bender and get blind drunk." "I've gotten into gambling online," admits the second pastor. "Worse yet, I use Sunday collection plate donations to fund my bets." "And You," the first pastor says to the third "what's your chief vice?" "Me?" says the third pastor. "I'm a horrible gossip."

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
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6 WORSHIP 9AM In Touch BRING IN	7 Labor Day Office is Closed FOOD	8 DONATIONS	9 FOR	10 HARVEST	11 HOME !!!	12
13 Rally Day "Joy to the World" Food Bank WORSHIP 9AM	14 Council Mtg. 6:30pm	15	16	17	18	19 Gift Card Bingo Doors open at 12:30
20 HARVEST HOME WORSHIP 9AM	21 Peace Day 	22 Autumn Begins 	23	24	25 Dine & Donate at Panera Bread 4-8pm	26
27 WORSHIP 9AM	28	29	30	31		

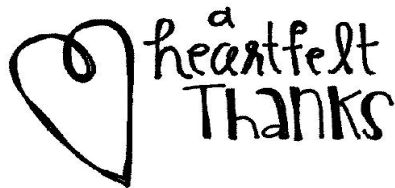
PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Joy. The Bible refers to it nearly 200 times. Psalms 118:24 is a well known verse: This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it. But do we really? This year has been a year of loss for me; first my mother, then our "church mother" and just recently my former Scoutmaster, a father figure, and another mother like figure from my younger days. I spent many hours this year looking back in time wishing I had spent more time with these people because of the joy they shared with me. Don't we always seem to do this, look back and wish we spent more time with loved ones? We never seem to learn the important lesson that Jesus taught. True joy comes from Christ, but He wants us to share it with all. Our theme for our Sunday School Rally Day is "Joy to the World". What a better way to share our joy with loved ones in our church family. My prayers for each and every one of us as Christians from our family here at Good Shepherd is to spend more time with our loved ones and find the joy of Christ in each and every second we spend with them, so when they go home to Jesus we can all rejoice and be glad they were in our lives.

Yours in Christ,
Mark Weaver

PASTORAL ACTS

In Touch- Every first Sunday of each month, one of the great ministries we have at Good Shepherd is our In Touch. Our homebound members are always thankful for the notes and cards. Being remembered touches people's hearts.



Our family wants to express our deepest gratitude for the overwhelming love, prayers, and support you have shown us following the sudden passing of my sister, Sue Werner.

During this time of profound shock and grief, your kind words and presence have been a source of great comfort.

Thank you,
Tina Miller and Family



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. GSLC collected 154 items for the month of August. Remember when you are shopping to pick up that extra item and drop it off in the narthex. Every item helps and the Northampton Area Food Bank always appreciates what we do here at Good Shepherd. Together we can stop food insecurity.

Labor Day is Monday September 7th and the church office will be closed on that day. We will be back at 9:00am on the 8th.



SOMETHING NEW

We are adding a new location for a Dine & Donate. The Panera Bread on MacArthur Rd. in Whitehall will be donating 25% of sales generated on Friday, September 25th from 4-8pm. 25% is a great incentive for everyone to join in to make this fundraiser a success.



GSLC will celebrate **Rally Day** on **Sunday, September 13th**. The theme this year is "Joy to the World"

Please join us as we celebrate all things that bring us joy.



Girl Scout Troop 8133 will be having their Annual Clothing Swap on Saturday, October 3rd.

Shopping begins at 11am and continues until 3pm. They are accepting donations of **CLEAN, UNDAMAGED** clothing. If you would like to drop off items you may drop them at the church until October 2nd. All items will be \$1.00. All remaining items are donated to the Purple Heart.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS

The deadline for collecting school supplies for the Lutheran World Relief school kits is Sept. 6. Then it will be time to prepare those supplies so that we can pack them into the bags and then box the kits for shipping to LWR.

We will meet on Thursday, September 17 at 1 PM at church. Many tasks can be done sitting down. We will be removing packaging, rubber banding pens and pencils, and gathering the eight school items into the bags. Everyone is invited to join us for a time of service and fellowship. Refreshments will be served.

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



The Social Ministry Committee is accepting donations of fabric to make school backpacks. Examples of the types of fabrics that we can use are light-weight denim, canvas, twill, corduroy, flannel, cotton, and cotton poly blends. Fabric does not have to be new - we can repurpose items such as curtain panels and tablecloths. We accept solid colors, stripes, plaids, geometric designs, flowers, and prints. If you have questions about whether your left over fabric from sewing projects or used fabric is suitable, just ask us. Contact Barb Wiemann at 610-262-6977 or blwiemann@gmail.com



The Archives Committee is in need of a small electric cassette tape player. We have added the master tape recordings from our 2003-2005 worship services to our archives. But the tapes are useless if we have no way to listen to them. Contact Barb Wiemann at 610-262-6977 or blwiemann@gmail.com if you can donate a player to the Archives.



Fundraising is a huge part of helping to keep our church running and being part of the community. On October 16 from 4-7pm & October 17 from 9am-2pm, we are combining 2 great events. Our Basket Raffle and our Soup Sale. We will be selling pints of soup during the Basket Raffle (and of course we will have Baked Goods for sale too!)

Sign up sheets for soup donations & Baked Goods are on the bulletin board in the narthex or reach out to LeAnne Krill (610-262-0293) to help or for more information.

Basket Raffle





Scouting is a BIG part of the Holub family. We would like to congratulate 17yr. old Josh Holub on celebrating his Eagle Court of Honor on August 9th. Josh has been in scouting since he was 6yrs. old. He is now entering into his senior year at Northampton High School. Josh's Eagle Scout project was doing a complete replacement of the floor at the Edelman Schoolhouse in Moore Twp. During his Court of Honor Josh presented congregation member Paul Evans with a Mentor Pin. Eagle Scouts are given these pins to give to someone who influenced and inspired them. Paul Evans helped with the overall rehabbing and construction of the huge project at the schoolhouse. Our congrats to both of them! The floor looks amazing.



***Sunday, September 13th
is
Grandparents Day.***

A NOTE TO...



I realize it's early to start thinking about our Annual Christmas Cookie Sale. This popular event is scheduled for Saturday, December 12th. Our loyal customers look for certain types of cookies. Our famous Nut Tossies, cut out cookies and cream cheese cupcakes are always the favorites. I was given a donation to help cover the cost of butter, cream cheese, walnuts and other needed ingredients. If you are able to help with baking and would like to offset your costs please reach out to LeAnne Krill at leannemkrill@gmail.com. Thank you & God Bless.

LeAnne





CHURCH Picnic

The annual GSLC picnic seems to be the event at church that symbolizes summer is coming to an end, but that doesn't mean that the picnic is a sad event. Quite the contrary. The picnic was great. We saw some new faces and some that we had not seen recently. We crowned new champs in the Cornhole Tournament. Special congrats to the team "Fatz Attack". Layla Fatzinger & her Dad, Tyler took the 1st place spot in their division. Also coming in 1st place for their division were the "Holy Niblets" team of Bryanna & Nicole Bogden. Of course we had a friendly Bingo game and some folks playing cards. The food was plentiful and tasty. Thanks to everyone who set up and cleaned up and to everyone who contributed food and desserts. See you all at the next event.



Bye, bye
Summer!



We here at Good Shepherd are blessed to have some amazing bakers in our congregation. We are looking for some help to make the bake sale at our BINGO on September 19th a success. Break out those delicious recipes. No need to package them as the baking crew will handle that. If you are interested in helping please contact Marge Leith at 610-262-8328.