



The November 2023 edition of The Shepherd Staff is sponsored to the glory of God in honor and thanks of the many Good Shepherd VOLUNTEERS, (There are numerous to name, but you know who you are!) by Marge Leith

Brothers and Sisters in Jesus,

There are some hymns that bring back memories of past events. For example, "Nearer my God to Thee" reminds me of my sister's funeral. "Thine is the Glory" was the recessional hymn at my Seminary graduation.

On November 5th, we celebrate All Saints Sunday. Our entrance hymn that day is "For All the Saints". It is a hymn that describes the saints that are entering heaven in a great throng. It is a majestic and uplifting hymn. As we sing the hymn, people bring candles symbolizing their loved ones who have gone Home to be with Jesus. There are many tears as families process to the altar. I remember past All Saint's services of the emotion and bringing a candle up for one of my loved ones. One of my fondest memories of this hymn was a funeral service after Christmas for a pastor's wife. The sanctuary was filled with members and friends. There was a large group of pastors supporting their friend. When this hymn started, it was amazing the sound of people singing. The organist stopped playing and the congregation kept singing, it gave me chills. When we sing hymns, they can bring back memories. The greatest memory is how much our God cares for us and how He will always be with us. "He walks with me, and talks with me, and He calls me I am His own." So every time you sing a hymn, see how the words relate to you, and let them tell you have a God who loves you." Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so."

Have a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving,

Pastor Gary



November 5
All Saints Day

November 5
Daylight Savings Times

November 8
Dine & Donate
Sam Owens

November 12
Veterans Day

November 19
Intergenerational Sunday School

November 23
Happy Thanksgiving

December 1
Last Day for Yard Sale donations

December 3
Annual Advent Congregational Meeting

December 9
Fundraising Event

Happy Birthday...

BOGDEN, BENJAMIN (21) 11/01
 BOGDEN, BRYANNA (18) 11/01
 TYLER, GLENN 11/03
 BORGER, SUSAN 11/06
 WEINER, CALLIA 11/08
 LEITH, MARGE 11/13
 GROW, IRENE 11/14
 FEHR, EMILY 11/20
 EBERHART, DYLAN 11/21
 HOLUB, RICHARD 11/22
 PANASIK, WENDY 11/23
 SCHMALL, DENISE 11/23
 STIMMEL, DAVID 11/23
 EBERHART, MICHELE 11/24
 KRATZER, PAUL 11/24
 BORDA, RANDY 11/28



Happy Anniversary!

SEITTER, DANIEL & JENNIFER (18) 11/04
 SANDT, RONALD & KIMBERLY (29) 11/05
 QUARTARARO, ALLISON (9) 11/07
 ENSTROM, JOHN & SHARON (56) 11/11
 TYLER, GLENN & SUZANNE (53) 11/14
 SAYLOR, BARRY (39) 11/17
 CLARONI, RANDY & JOLYNN (45) 11/18
 BOGDEN, NICOLE & JASON (24) 11/20
 KRATZER, PAUL & DIANA (63) 11/26
 NEWHARD, BRADLEY & SANDRA (42) 11/28
 KRILL, LEANNE (38) 11/30



Wednesday, Nov 8

Samuel Owen's
 4:00 pm - 9:00pm
 Dine in
 Take out
 & Delivery



Council 2024

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 truly need your help and support. Please think about being a part of the Congregational Council.



Redner's receipt balance as of Oct 1

\$ 948.10

Please continue to submit your Redner's receipts!

Food Bank

November is the month of Thanksgiving Day. We have so much to be thankful for each day! We need to remember there are others who struggle daily providing food. Let us remember them this year and bring in items for our food bank. Let's do this for November and December.

Matthew 25:40 " Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."



President's Corner

The end of the year is approaching. I hope everyone is ready for the "Most Wonderful Time of the Year!"

I know the church and the choirs has already started to prepare for the Lord's Birthday. This year Christmas Eve will be on a Sunday. The morning service will be a normal church service, with our 4:30 and 7 pm services as our special Christmas Eve services. I hope everyone will join us, to celebrate the Lord's birth. We will have a half hour of special music before the services again. The choir has some special pieces picked and are excited to perform.

Another big December date, December 3, 2023, is our Advent Congregational Meeting. We need to approve the budget for next year and elect new Council members. If you have never been on Council before and would like to, please come to me and let me know. I can give you more information. We could use 3 more members.

Please remember, always feel free to contact me if needed. Thank you.

God Bless,

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



Social ministry would like to thank our congregation for both the generous Sharing-Table food donations and monetary contributions. The food bank will benefit from all your kind support.
The September total was \$243.00. Thank you.



Veterans Day Service, November 12, 2023

Please use the form below to share the name or names of loved one(s) to be honored.

****Drop in the offering plate or mail to the office. ****

(Those serving now, have served or have died serving)

Full name of loved one(s) (First, Middle, Last) and which branch they have served in.

Name

Branch

3-in-1 Winter Event

Basket Raffle

\$5 for 26 chances at an assortment of prizes. Baskets and gift cards alike!



Cookies (and More) Sale

\$10/lb cookies. All pre-wrapped treats. These sweets sell like hot cakes!



Indoor Yard Sale

A flea market, a bazaar, a yard sale. Peruse these various goods for a potential treasure!

Saturday, Dec 9

9am - 2pm

**Good Shepherd Lutheran
Church**

10%
tithe to
benefit little
Sammy, a 3 year
old with big bills for
his cancer treatment.



Christmas Ingathering 2023

The Annual Christmas Ingathering of the Northern Lehigh Valley Mission District will be held on Thursday, December 7, 2023, at Union Church in Schnecksville. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is responsible for the following:



- **2 - \$30.00 Gifts for Kids Peace**
- **\$25.00 for this year's special cause è The Kindness Project**
- **Mittens, hats and scarves for men, women, and children of all ages**
- **50 packs of playing cards**



Additionally, the following institutions will be the recipients of a large gift giving event:

Kids Peace
Sayre Center

Ripple Community Center.

Gracedale Nursing Home
The Allentown Rescue Mission

The "wish list" below outlines requested items. The donation box, for your wish list items, will be available beginning in November in the Narthex. Any monetary donations received will be used to purchase needed supplies.

The Social Ministry Committee thanks you in advance for your generosity and support. Please contact Judy Fehr with any questions.

Wish List

Kids Peace – Coloring Books, Crayons, Deodorant, Shampoo, or Shower Gel.

Gracedale – Deodorant, Change Purse, Shampoo/Conditioner, Socks, or Pens.

Sayre Center – Glue Sticks, Kitchen Dish Towels, Bibs, Colored Pencils, or Board Books.

Allentown Rescue Mission – Shampoo, Deodorant, Shaving Cream, or Disposable Razors.

Ripple Community Center – Chapstick, Deodorant, Baby Wipes, or Flashlights.

The Kindness Project – Boys/Girls Clothing (any size), New Towels / Washcloths, or New Bibs.

Cookies (And More) Sale on Dec. 9



Good Shepherd's famous and eagerly anticipated Cookies (And More) Sale will be held on December 9 starting at 9 a.m. How do we know our sale is famous and anticipated? Last year, the first shopper lined up at 7 a.m. to be sure to get the best selection. So, look over your cookie and special dessert recipes and plan to bake a batch or two of your favorite treats. Our sale depends on donations of many varieties from each and every congregational member. Help make the sale a success!

We will pre-package our cookies in baggies containing a quarter pound and clear plastic containers containing a half pound. Cookie packages will be either all one variety or a mixed assortment. Other desserts and treats will be wrapped and priced. Everything will be displayed on tables, and shoppers will select the packages they wish to purchase. The cost for cookies will be \$10 a pound, the same price as in 2019. Other desserts will be individually priced.

We will donate 10% of our profits to ELCA World Hunger Good Gifts to assist people who are struggling with food insecurity.

Mark your calendar now! The committee will be accepting donations on Thursday, December 7, and Friday, December 8, from 6-8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, and on Saturday morning before the sale. If you need a different donation time or have any questions, contact Barb Wiemann at blwiemann@gmail.com or 610-262-6977.



November Worship Assistant List



Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Pouring Chalice	Acolytes
11/5	Bill Gebhardt	Lorie Filipovits	Linda Siekonic	
11/12	Mark Weaver	Jen Burrell	LeAnne Krill	William Burrell
11/19	Dave Hausman	Nicole Bogden	Gail Loch	William Burrell
11/26	Bill Gebhardt	Linda Siekonic	Linda Siekonic	

	Ushers
11/5	Ed Filipovits, Dave Hausman, Ed Marshall, Jennifer Gaugler
11/12	Dean & Roseann Yelles, Charlie Burrell, Allison Quartararo
11/19	Dean & Roseann Yelles, Allison Quartararo, Jennifer Gaugler
11/26	Doug Yelles, Ed Marshall,

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



The Northampton Area Food Bank would like to thank the congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for the generous donations in October. 103 items were delivered.

PASTORAL ACTS

In October, Social Ministry delivered rice krispy treats, and prayer cards to the residents at Gracedale.



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 Northampton Area Food Bank.



Memorial Gifts received in October

In loving memory of
Brenda Druckenmiller
Sept 1948 — June 2021

She may not be with us anymore, but she is never forgotten. She will always be lovingly remembered.

Dave & Fran Stecker
Wescovesville, Pa



Baptisms in October

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 October.

Frankie May Morello
Daughter of Shanna Morello of Bethlehem

Morgan Marie DeReamus
Daughter of Brett & Shannon DeReamus of Northampton



2023 Financial breakdown for November

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



date	Attendance
9/3	56
9/10	49
9/17	64
9/24	62
Avg.	57

Date	Weekly offering	Memorial	Building repair
9/3	2691.00		185.00
9/10	2673.00		40.00
9/17	2419.00		20.00
9/24	2672.00		70.00

POINSETTIA PLANTS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

\$8.25 PER PLANT

NO. OF PLANTS:

WHITE: _____ RED: _____

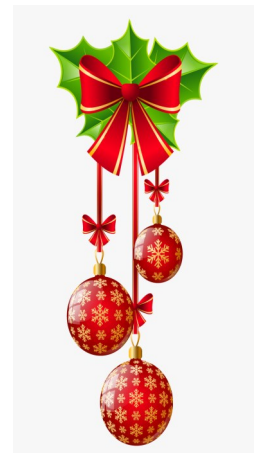
YOUR NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____

SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION:

IN HONOR OF:

IN MEMORY OF:

SPONSORED BY: _____



(ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 27/ 12:00pm)

Orders may be given to Altar Guild members at church or mailed to the church.

Please print all names clearly.

Make checks payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

The plants will be placed around the Altar for our
Christmas Eve services on Dec. 24.
Anyone who attends church that day may take their plants if they wish.

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm Choir practice 7:30pm All Souls Day	3 Office closed	4
5 Worship 9:00am All Saint's Day Food Bank Sunday school Change clocks!	6 W & M 6:30pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm	7 Christian Ed 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm	8	9 Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm Choir practice 7:30pm Council Reports Due	10 Office closed	11
12 Worship 9:00am Veterans' Day Sunday school	13 Council Mtg 6:30pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm	14 Boy Scouts 7:00pm	15 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	16 Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm Choir practice 7:30pm	17 Office closed	18
19 Worship 9:00am Intergenerational Sunday School	20 Girl Scouts 7:00pm	21 Boy Scouts 7:00pm	22	23 Happy Thanksgiving	24 Office closed	25
26 Worship 9:00am Sunday School	27 Poinsettia orders due Girl Scouts 7:00pm	28 Boy Scouts 7:00pm	29	30 Newsletter assem- bly 9:30am Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm Choir practice 7:30pm		

Fundraising Event

Special items needed:

small empty coffee cans and lid
empty baskets for raffle
paper bags with handles, heavy plastic bags with handles
and reusable cloth bags with handles

YARD SALE

We will be collecting items now through December 1. Items can be dropped off Sunday's after church or Monday through Thursday from 9:30AM –1:30PM (please call the office first 610-262-9517) Please place items on the tables in the Fellowship Hall along the back wall. Thank You.

BASKET RAFFLE

Along with baskets we will be accepting Gift Cards from restaurants, grocery stores, or any business in any amount. If you can not donate a whole basket, we have ideas for baskets and items you might want to contribute. Last day to donate for the basket raffle is November 19.



Intergenerational Sunday School

*If you enjoyed the advent wreath craft last year, you will enjoy making an advent calendar with Sunday School this year! Please feel free to join us as **all ages are welcomed** to participate and make your own personal advent calendar with Christian Ed on **November 19** after our normal Sunday church service.*