

The June 2023 Edition of The Shepherd's Staff is sponsored to the Glory of God, and in Honor of the 50th Anniversary of Ordination of Pastor Lyn Langkamer for his faithful service to Good Shepherd Church and all the churches he served.

Also, In Celebration of the Catasauqua Graduating Class of 2023, by the Weaver's.

From the Pastor:

Brothers and Sisters in Jesus,

So how many languages does God speak? God speaks all languages. It is better to think of God as always communicating, which opens up many possibilities. We humans communicate with more than words. We talk with a glance, a smile, a chuckle, and so many other ways. Think of a mother who communicates to her newborn infant. She does that by a kiss, a caress of her infant in her arms, a tender stroke or even humming. As an infant needs all that for emotional growth. Just think of animals that lick their offspring when they are born. They are doing more than cleaning them.

We humans cannot exist without relationships. Communication is part of our human nature. God is the infinite communicator. His every act of creation is an act of communicating His love to all He creates.

So how else does God communicate with us? God is in communication with us by His very presence. It may well be an inspiration or thought that comes to mind. It may be an impulse to do something good for another. People who think God is "somewhere up there" have a misunderstanding of the reality of God's presence. God is infinitely concerned and connected with all of us. There is never a moment when we walk alone. God is always present to us. "I will be with you always even to the end of time"

Pastor Gary

Planning Ahead...

June 15
Dine & Donate

June 18
Father's Day

June 19
VBS Begins

June 21
Summer begins

August 20
Church Picnic

September 10
Rally Day

September 23
Fall for Karaoke



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Monday—Thursday

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Worship Service

9:00 AM

Pastor Gary L. Walbert

Cell # 610-217-6852

Jennifer Baker

Church Secretary

Kristen Merkert

Organist/ Choir Director

Happy Birthday...

Tina Miller	6/2
Greg Reimer	6/3
Bryon Flamisch	6/7
Gerald Keltz	6/12
Scott LaBarre	6/12
Brian Schmall	6/13
Colin Saylor	6/14
Cynthia Evans	6/15
Ryan Frantz	6/15
Louis Rabenold	6/17
Robert Shipe Jr	6/17
Allison Quartararo	6/18
James Loch	6/19
Kate Smoyer	6/21
Gail Loch	6/27
Margie Werner	6/27
Ronald Sandt	6/29
Karen Hahn	6/30

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



Eric & Susan Borger 6/1 (44)

Dale & Irene Grow 6/3 (51)

Paul & Cindy Evans 6/23 (44)

Douglas & Stephanie Flamisch 6/24 (17)

Our Social Ministry team was recognized for their amazing efforts this April!

Fundraising Profit Updates

<i>Soup Sale</i>	<i>\$935.00</i>
<i>Candy Sale</i>	<i>\$230.00</i>
<i>Hoagie Sale</i>	<i>\$260.00</i>
<i>BINGO</i>	<i>\$4161.78</i>
<i>Dine & Donate</i>	<i>\$331.40</i>





Vacation Bible School!



**REGISTRATION IS
NOW OPEN!**

Water Stories of the Bible

Good Shepherd Lutheran Bible School

June 19 - 23, 2023 / 5- 8pm

Family Dinner starts at 5pm, Bible school
6pm

Come join us. Ages up to 6th Grade
Parents/Guardians are welcome to stay and
participate as well!

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Please call the office to sign
up 610- 262-9517.

President's Corner

May was a very busy month for us here at the church. Happy Mothers' Day to all our Mothers and Happy Father's Day to all the Fathers.

We said goodbye to John our Sexton of 33 years and welcomed Kristen as our new permanent Organist/Music Director.

We Confirmed 4 new voting members to our Congregation.

We had our first BINGO that was successful. Thank you to all that participated and helped to put it all together.

It feels great to have so much going on again in the church.

Mark your calendars for August 20th- GSLC annual picnic/ Cornhole tournament

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**



Treasurer Report – April 2023

We had a fabulous month of income for April of approximately \$7,000, which brings our net income for the year to \$11,000. **This year has been off to a great start!!!!**

Some notable activity for the month is the following:

Monthly offerings were approximately \$14,600.

We had income of \$2,180 from fundraising, (Soup Sales - \$935 and Bingo \$1,245)

We also had unrealized gains on our investments of \$1,400.

Expenses were relatively low compared to prior months. Some notable expense activity includes:

\$335 for organ maintenance

\$500 for Easter Flowers

\$300 for janitorial supplies

\$700 for maintenance and repairs for heating system

At the end of April, we had \$9,000 in checking account. Our savings account has a balance of \$24,200.

FOOD BANK

*We support the Northampton Food Bank. We do this by monetary gifts but also by donating non-perishable food and can goods. This year we have not done a great job of giving can goods. There is a need for food items, there are many that rely on the food bank to keep their family fed. We never know how the economy is going to go. **Please help by bringing food items to the church.***

*“ Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love.”
Mother Theresa*

June Worship Assistant List

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Pouring Chalice	Acolytes
June 4	Mark Weaver	Jen Burrell	Barbara Wiemann	Will Burrell
June 11	Chris Holub	Nicole Bogden	Donna Pavlick	Ava Talbot
June 18	Jen Gaugler	Bill Gebhardt	Gail Loch	TBA
June 25	Dave Hausman	Dave Hausman	Diane Hausman	TBA

Date	Ushers
June 4	Charlie Burrell, Allison Quartararo, Dean Yelles, Roseann Yelles
June 11	Ed Filipovits, Jen Gaugler, Dan Pavlick, Doug Yelles
June 18	Allison Quartararo, Dan Pavlick, Dean Yelles, Roseann Yelles
June 25	Ed Filipovits, Jen Gaugler, Jessica Kirkpatrick, Doug Yelles

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

Archives Donation We would like to thank **Monica Anthony** for her generous donation to our **Church Archives**. She found and donated a **class picture from the Old Zion Church Confirmation program**. The **1937 Class** stands proud of their accomplishments and if you look closely, you can see her mother, **Pearl Zuberka**, standing with her peers. You can find the original photo with the rest of our photographic archive in the coffee room. Members Ruth Frack and Lori Filipovits found that their mother was also in this photo!

If when you find yourself meandering down memory lane and come across a precious moment of church history, please think of sharing it with us. Our church archivist does good work keeping these pieces of the past safe. Thank you.



Lyn Langkamer was the pastor at Good Shepherd from 1980-1999. This month, Lyn is celebrating 50 years of ordained ministry, and his family was thinking a wonderful way for friends and former congregants to help honor him would be to send him a card or letter. We know that hearing from a few people from his past would mean the world to him. If you can, please send a card to the address listed to the right. Cards are available in the Narthex, as well, if needed. GSLC would so greatly appreciate it!

His ordination anniversary is May 24th.

Cards can be sent to:

Pastor Lyn Langkamer
 431 W. Walnut St.
 Allentown, PA 18102

2023 Financial breakdown for April

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



date	Attendance
4.2	88
4.9	35 / 113
4.16	47
4.23	54
4.30	61

Date	Weekly offering	Memorial	Building repair	Total weekly
4/2	4028.00	25.00	170.00	4030.00
4/9	3069.00		125.00	3225.00
4/16	1396.00	50.00	20.00	2481.00
4/23	2055.00			2383.00
4/30	2714.91		\$30.00	2744.91

**Save the Dates!
 2023 Dine & Donate Events**



Thursday, June 15
 4:30 - 8:30pm
 No Flyer Needed
 Take-out & Dine-in Options



Wednesday, September 20
 Time TBA
 Flyer Required
 Take-out & Dine-in Options



Sunday, July 16
 4:00 - 9:00pm
 No Flyer Needed
 Dine-in, Take-out, and Delivery



Sunday, October 15
 11:00 - 3:00pm
 No Flyer Needed
 Take-out & Dine-in Options



Friday, August 11
 12:00 - 9:00pm
 No Flyer Needed
 Take-out & Dine-in Options



Wednesday, November 8
 4:00 - 9:00pm
 No Flyer Needed
 Dine-in, Take-out, and Delivery

Spring Break is over and the church is ready for summer!

Support us and our local business partners by saving the dates shown on the right. These are the remaining 2023 Dine and Donate Events to support Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Generously, each owner of the represented restaurants have offered us 10% of their sales made in the designated time frames. So, save the dates and plan a date night with a partner, some chill time with a friend, or simply a good relaxed meal you don't have to cook with your family.

Let's Eat!



PASTORAL ACTS



The Northampton Food Bank would like to thank the congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for the generous donations in May (30) Thank you very much!



We thank the cleaning crew that has been working effortlessly since John's retirement. The church is clean and beautiful because of our gracious volunteers!

- Ed Filipovits
- Dan & Donna Pavlick
- Dean & Roseann Yelles
- Doug Yelles
- Rick & Judy Fehr



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!



Thank you to all the people listed below for donating gift cards. Thank you to Ed Filipovits and Lisa Mann and all the volunteers that made the BINGO Event a success!

- Jon & Debra Kleckner
- Dan & Donna Pavlick
- Lorie Gaugler
- Marge Leith
- Lori Filipovits
- John & Lisa Mann
- Julien Pail
- Ruth Frack
- Donna Williams



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 May.

Rowan Hayes Becker

Congratulations to our 2023 Confirmation class

Ava Talbot

Breanne LaBarre

Cody Reimer

Tori Schaffer



Each of these young people listed on the left have put in the time and work to become confirmed members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

We thank you for volunteering your time as acolytes, sharing your perspectives as people, and teaching us new ways to follow the Lord.

June 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Office closed	3
4 Worship 9:00am	5 Worship & Music 7:00pm 	6 Christian Ed 7:00pm	7	8 COUNCIL REPORTS DUE	9 Office closed	10
11 Worship 9:00am Food Bank	12 Council Meeting 6:30pm	13	14	15 Dine & Donate Seemsville Pub & Grill 4:30-8:30pm	16 Office closed	17
18 Worship 9:00am In Touch Happy Father's Day	19 VBS BEGINS 5-8pm NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	20 VBS 5-8pm	21 VBS 5-8pm	22 VBS 5-8pm	23 VBS 5-8pm	24
25 Worship 9:00am	26	27	28	29	30 Office closed	

Congratulation's to our Graduate's

*Emily Walbert– Graduate of Fleetwood HS
Westchester University*

*Emma Dungan– Graduate Catasauqua HS
Kutztown University*

*David Stimmel– Graduate Catasauqua HS
Fly Gateway Aviation School at Queen City Airport*

