



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus,

In February we celebrate St Valentine's Day. Many have questioned whether St. Valentine really existed or was this just a made up celebration to sell cards, gifts, and candy. Let me tell you about the real St. Valentine.

It was during the reign of Claudius, a Roman Emperor, he made a law that none of his soldiers could get married. He wanted them to only worry about fighting. Valentine, who was a Bishop or priest at the time, secretly performed marriages for all those soldiers who wanted to get married. After a period of time he was found out and arrested and sentenced to death by beheading. While he was in prison, he healed the jailer's daughter of blindness and both became Christians. He wrote a letter to his congregation and signed it: From your Valentine. He died on February 14, 273.

This day was celebrated in the church as a day of love and romance. Gradually, this became a popular day outside the church especially when greeting cards became popular. Jewelry stores and candy stores push this day to increase business. Roses triple their price for that day. It's all about showing your loved one you care by buying that special gift.

I am not going to define love but ask you the question: how do you show love. You say I tell my spouse or my significant other that I love them. That's important for them to hear but we need to go a step further. Love needs to be shown in actions. We see in the beautiful passage from 1 Corinthians 13, the different ways we show love. Read it and keep it close to your heart.

Remember always show your love in actions and words to all you meet. Let them know that you care!

In His Hands, Pastor Gary

AND NOW THESE THREE REMAIN
faith, hope & love
BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE
1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

February 2
Scout Sunday at
9am worship
Groundhog Day

February 9
Contemporary
Service 8am
Food Bank

February 10
Council Meeting
6:30pm

February 14
St. Valentine's
Day

February 15
Karaoke Night
6:30pm

February 17
Presidents Day

March 1
Mardi Gras
Talent Show &
Potluck
5pm

March 5
Ash Wednesday
Services at 11am
& 7pm

March 9
Contemporary
Service 8am
Food Bank

March 22
Gift Card BINGO
Doors open
at 12:30

President's Corner

A suggestion was made that I write about "Love" for the month of February. You'd think that would be easy with all those reminders of roses and chocolates and the ads on tv flying around saying that I should get my better half a new car, diamond, or perfume. Or I could reflect on Bible lessons, like "God so loved the World," or "And the greatest of these is Love," etc.

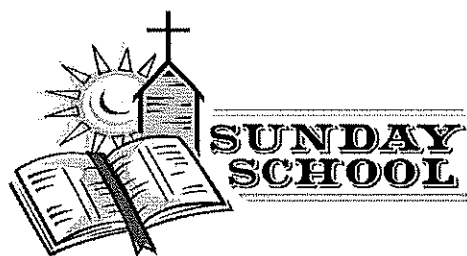
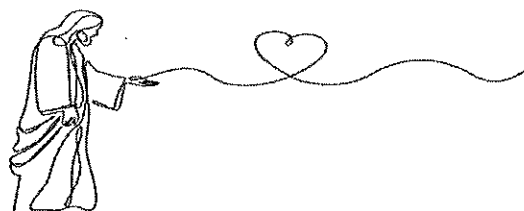
However, I think I will comment on some of the love I have seen around Good Shepherd in the last few weeks.

There has been a real effort to beautify our church. Some of that is delayed maintenance, but look around you. The curtains in the windows of our sanctuary have been removed, cleaned, and re-hung. Thank you Altar Guild! The ongoing painting of the Sanctuary is nearing completion, and the detail oriented volunteers who are doing it are doing a fantastic job! This month your Church Council has decided to tackle new lighting outside the church, which will make things safer and more welcoming for everyone that is here after dark. And the Property Committee has outlined a plan to methodically replace a few windows a year around the church, which is truly needed to combat the energy loss we face every year from our 50 year old windows.

We have a full church council and are working right now to get everyone involved in the standing committees of the church. We are exploring ways to be better stewards of the resources in our church, and to better communicate with each other and the congregation. We are showing love to our community, in the food bank collections, music ministries we are building, and as we reach out to children with our Sunday school program and Club 139 initiative. We have fellowship and community outreach opportunities in the works, including a Movie Night on Feb. 1st, Mardi Gras, on March 1st and Karaoke Night, on Feb. 15th. Lots of fun coming, and a second annual Seniors Prom in our future. So many people are putting so much love into various activities around here, and it is exciting to be a part of it!

God commanded us to "Love One Another." That includes our fellowship here at Church. Some one I know and love had to come to church this week for her own spiritual good. But she sat alone, because she was recovering from a head cold to protect her friends in the pews. Stay well and safe this very cold February. Come be with us in church to feel God's love, and keep His love in your heart when you can't join us in person. Remember that God's love for us is not a date on the calendar, it is the Greatest of all Loves, and it is everlasting.

Chris Holub, Council President



GSLC has Sunday School every Sunday at 10:15 a.m. All ages are encouraged to attend. So after our 9am church service, please make your way down the hallway and find the classroom that is right for you. We look forward to meeting you.



Please be sure to check WFMZ 69 News or Facebook for up to the minute cancellations for Sunday service due to inclement weather.

PASTORAL ACTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

One of the steps in growing up in the church is receiving your First Holy Communion. We give First Holy Communion instruction to anyone who is in second grade or older.

Our First Communion classes will take place April 1st and April 8th. The classes will begin at 7:00pm in the 3rd/4th grade room. They will last approximately 45 minutes. At least one parent must attend. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, April 13th during the 9:00am service.

If you are interested in having your child participate, or have any questions, please call the church office or Pastor Gary at 610-262-9517.



Remember no man has a shadow unless he is walking in the light.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER

I would like to address a problem we are having regarding the distribution of our monthly newsletter. We currently send out over 200 newsletters to receive bulk mailing rate. I have looked over the mailing list and realized we have several people that should be removed from that list. I also have recently sent out inactive letters, which will mean that the list will further be reduced in number. Falling below 200 newsletters will now force us to have to mail them out using 1st class stamps. This process will begin with our March newsletter. In order to reduce the number we will need to mail using 1st class postage, you can now pick your monthly newsletter up in the narthex or we can email your newsletter to you. With that being said please contact the office to ensure that we have the correct email on file. We will still mail some remaining newsletters at your request. If you would like to help, you may contribute first class stamps to offset the price change. **TOGETHER** we will continue to spread the Gospel!

***PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE FUTURE NEWSLETTERS BY EMAIL, WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS BY FEB. 14TH. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT 610-262-9517 OR EMAIL THE CHURCH AT: goodshepherdlutheran@rcn.com**



Just a reminder that Ash Wednesday is March 5th. Good Shepherd will have services at 11am and 7pm every Wednesday during Lent. Please mark your calendars to attend each Wednesday.

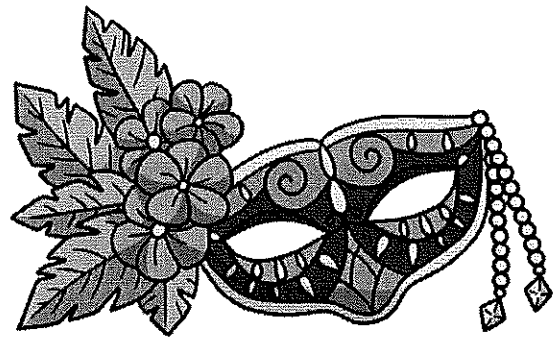
Karaoke night
February 15, 2025
6:30pm-9pm



Fellowship Hall

Rock Music, Show Tunes or
Country & Blues, it does not matter.
We want to hear you sing!!
Bring your voice and join us!

Refreshments will be provided.



JOIN US !

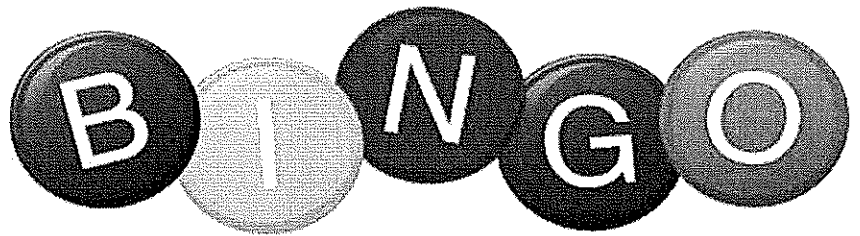
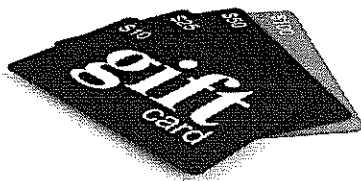
Mardi Gras Talent Show & Pot Luck

March 1st from 5-9pm in our Fellowship Hall

Sign up sheets for Talent and covered dishes
are on the bulletin board in the narthex, or call
Nicole at 484-241-1275.

Fun, Food, TALENT and Fellowship what a
great way to spend a Saturday.

HELLO
february



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church presents Gift Card BINGO!

When: Saturday, March 22, 2025

Where: 1335 Old Carriage Rd, Northampton

Doors & Kitchen open at 12:30pm. Games begin at 2pm.

**20 Gift Card Games & 5 Special Games plus 1 Door Prize Ticket.
Also 50/50, side raffles and our famous bake sale!**

**Tickets are \$25.00 each. Only 150 tickets available. Stop by the
church office M-F 9am-2pm or call 610-262-9517. See you there!!!**

* games operated under license issued to GSLC, managed by Ed Filipovits.



Lorie Gaugler	2/01
Janice Andrew	2/02
Sheila Persing	2/03
Ralph Tobias	2/03
Kristine Meyers	2/04
Jennifer Burrell	2/05
Ruth Goodin	2/07
Courtney Hahn	2/07
Lauren Yelles	2/09
Ava Talbot	2/11
Christine Vash	2/12
Nicholas Vash	2/12
Zachary Vash	2/12
Jennifer Gaugler	2/15
Tori Schaffer	2/16
Kristen Weiner	2/16
Joshua Holub	2/19
Benjamin Klusaritz	2/20
Mark Weaver	2/20
Douglas Yelles	2/20
John Hoff	2/21
Paul Evans III	2/22
Christina Talbot	2/22
Keegan Edelman	2/25
Alexa Wiland	2/25
Brock Weiner	2/27
Michael Hahn	2/28
Barbara Weimann	2/28



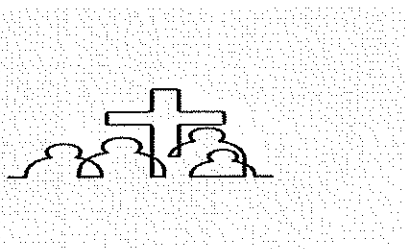
Scott & Jolene LaBarre (19)	2/05
Alex & Beverly Lubenesky (54)	2/13
Joyce & Morry Pulley (47)	2/14
Dean & Roseann Yelles (50)	2/22
Harold & Nancy Kochenash (63)	2/24



Awesome Job!!!

You responded amazingly well after my little commercial during church. January saw **218** food items going to the Food Bank. You were able to help a lot of families by your generous donations. Let's keep it going. Let's make a Love offering by bringing in food items for Valentine's Day. Please bring your items on Feb. 9th. We can make a difference in Northampton!

Pastor Gary



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!



Our in house Dine to Donate specialist, Jen Gaugler is working hard to fill the calendar for 2025 with lots of new places and some old favorites for our Dine to Donate events.

We hope to have a full house on the first event for the year. Mark you calendars for February 20th at the Seemsville Pub & Grille. Let's call it an official night out! The dining time is 4:30-8:30. See you there.

February Worship Assistant List

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Pouring Chalice	Acolytes
2/2/2025	Jen Gaugler	Boy Scouts	LeAnne Krill	Will Burrell
2/9/2025	Bill Gebhardt	Shelly Dorn	Mark Weaver	Emma Rogers
2/16/2025	Chris Holub	Dave Hausman	Diane Hausman	TBD
2/23/2025	Mark Weaver	Chris Holub	Gail Loch	Will Burrell

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

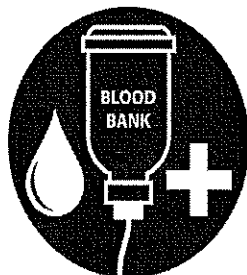
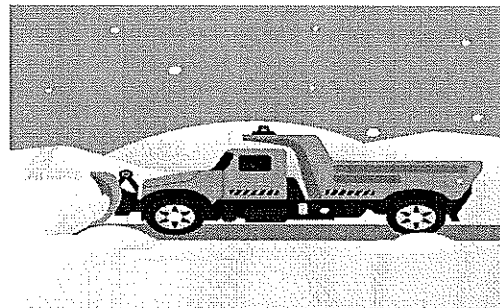
	Ushers
2/2/2025	Ed Filipovits, Dan Pavlick, Mike Rogers, Doug Yelles
2/9/2025	Dean Yelles, Roseann Yelles, Shelly Dorn, Jeff Dorn
2/16/2025	Ed Filipovits, Shelly Dorn, Jeff Dorn, Jen Gaugler
2/23/2025	Dean Yelles, Roseann Yelles, Jane Laudenslager, David Laudenslager



2025 Financial breakdown for February
 Amount needed weekly to meet budget = \$ 3180.00
 Amount needed weekly to pay bills = \$2,810.00

Date	Weekly offering	Memorial	Building repair
12/01/2024	2942.00	100.00	300.00
12/08/2024	3583.00		70.00
12/15/2024	1411.00		70.00
12/22/2024	1643.00		
12/24/2024 4pm	2316.00		
12/24/2024 7:30pm	1418.00		
12/29/2024	3519.00		725.00

Miller-Keystone Blood Center is our local community place to donate blood. If you partake in a blood drive or go to donate blood please use the code **0269**. That is Good Shepherd's special code.



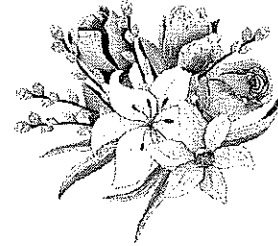
The winter season is upon us and thankfully has not been too awful. As with so many things the cost for snow removal has increased. Please consider making a special donation through the **Adopt A Bill** program here at Good Shepherd. You can pick up an envelope in the narthex or if mailing a donation please just specify that it is to support snow removal.

Easter Flowers

Orders due Sunday, March 16, 2025.

Name _____ Phone _____

- Pansies (asst colors) \$3.25
- Dwarf Iris (purple) \$3.25
- Mini Daffodils (yellow) \$6.25
- Triple Hyacinths \$7.00
Available colors: (a) pink (b) blue
- 5 bulb Tulips \$7.00
Available colors: (a) yellow (b) pink (c) purple
- Mums \$10.00
Available colors: (a) yellow (b) pink (c) purple
- Lilies 5 + blooms \$10.00



FLOWERS	COST	COLOR	QUANTITY	TOTAL \$
Pansies	\$3.25 ea			
Iris	\$3.25 ea	purple		
Daffodils	\$6.25 ea	yellow		
Hyacinths	\$7.00 ea			
Tulips	\$7.00 ea			
Mums	\$10.00 ea			
Lilies	\$10.00 ea	white		

SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION:

IN HONOR OF:

OR

IN MEMORY OF:

Sponsored by: _____

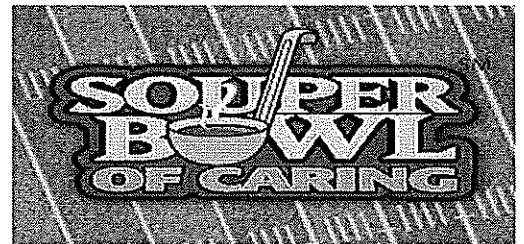
****Please make checks payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.
Please give form & payment to Altar Guild or office.
Sponsors may take their flowers after either service on Easter morning.**

February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Movie Night 6:30pm
2 Worship 9:00am Scout Sunday In Touch Sunday school	3 Worship & Music Mtg Girl Scouts 7:00pm	4 Christian Ed Mtg Boy Scouts 7:00pm	5	6 Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm Choir practice 7:30pm	7 Council Reports Due	8
9 Contemporary Service 8am Worship 9:00am Food Bank Souper Bowl	10 Council Mtg 6:30pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm	11 Boy Scouts 7:00pm	12	13 Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm Choir practice 7:30pm	14 	15 Karaoke Night 6:30pm
16 Worship 9:00am Club 139 2-4pm Sunday School	17 President's Day Girl Scouts 7:00pm	18 Boy Scouts 7:00pm	19	20 Dine & Donate Seemsville Pub 4:30-8:30pm Bell & Choir Practice 6:30pm/7:30	21	22
23 Worship 9:00am Sunday School	24	25 Boy Scouts 7:00pm	26	27	28	



*Join us for Scout Sunday
on February 2nd at
9:00am Sunday Service!*



Bring your extra change and dollar bills on February 9th for our **Souper Bowl Collection Sunday**. The donation will help to support the Northampton Area Food Bank.



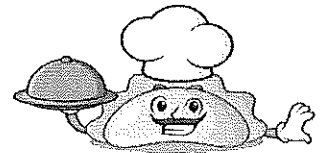
THAT'S SWEET!
More than 8 billion of the candies are manufactured each year—that's about 100,000 pounds per day!

Papa Sarge's Pierogi Order Form

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Price</u>
Potato & Cheese	_____	\$9.00 dz.
Bacon, Potato & Cheese	_____	\$10.00 dz.
Sauerkraut, Potato & Cheese	_____	\$10.00 dz.
Total	_____	_____
Name: _____	Phone: _____	

*All orders must be in by February 21, 2025. Delivery will be on March 8, 2025. Orders to be picked up at the church. Please make checks payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. **Payment due at the time of order.** All proceeds will go to support future building improvements. Please bring orders to the church office, M-F, 9-2pm. Call 610-262 9517 for more information. You may also mail your order to the church at:*

*1335 Old Carriage Rd,
Northampton, PA 18067*





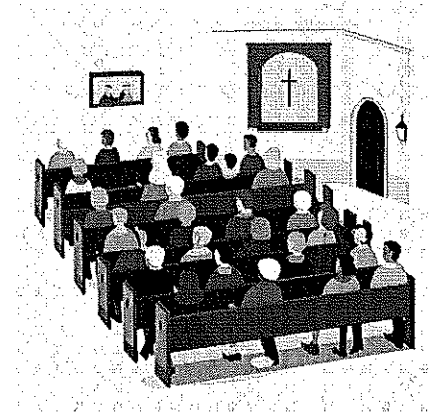
GSLC would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who helped to give our sanctuary a fresh new look just in time for spring. The painting of the walls and the alter base all have brightened up the sanctuary. The drapes in the rear have been cleaned and are looking fresh. It's amazing what a coat of paint can do! Special thanks to Dean & Roseann Yelles, Ed Filipovits, Dan & Donna Pavlick and Boyd Moore. Projects like this show how much this church means to it's members and community. We encourage everyone that might not have come out to a Sunday worship to stop by and enjoy the vibrance of our new look.

Come hear the new and exciting things happening at Good Shepherd.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be on March 30th after our 9am worship. Please plan to attend because everyone in this congregation matters.

Bring a covered dish and partake in the fellowship. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone.



just kidding!

At our prayer meeting I asked my pastor to pray for my hearing. He placed his hands on my ears and prayed. Afterwards, he asked if my hearing was better. I said I wouldn't know until Monday when I appear before the judge at the courthouse.



The Girl Scouts will be selling their famous cookies in our narthex on Sunday, February 9th. Meet the troop members and help support this yearly fundraiser. Plus you will have some snacks for the big game!!!



Spring is coming and in only 49 days and the celebration of Easter will follow. Please remember to watch our website and Facebook page for upcoming events and worship times. Spring is a busy time at GSLC.