



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus,

On July 4th our country will be celebrating our 250th anniversary. As we look at our country, what we need more than anything else is a turning back to God. Not the God who will give us riches, but the true God who will heal our nation of hatred, greed and hopelessness.

We need to ask God for forgiveness. Our God promises to wipe our blood red sins away and turn our lives into the color of newly fallen snow. We need to pray for our country, embrace the sacraments and share what we have with others. Pray for new hope, new direction and holy men and women to lead our country.

Let us pray: Almighty God, King of Glory, we confess our sins and repent of our pride that sought our own glory and comfort, allowing evil to take root instead of Your fruit in our hearts, homes, culture, and country. Please forgive us.

Now, with this declaration of rededication, we humble ourselves, pray, and seek Your face, turning from our wicked ways, that You would heal our lives and our land. Please purify and renew our hearts with holy attributes, affections, attitudes, and actions—to love You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We give You glory as we repent and rededicate our lives and our nation to You. For 250 years You have guarded and guided America in wisdom, grace, mercy, and love. We praise and thank You for our Founding Fathers, for all who sought You in fervent prayer throughout history and answered Your call to defend justice and freedom; to protect and serve, preach and teach, innovate, communicate, learn, work, worship, and establish our laws. May Your Kingdom come, and Your will be done in our lives, our Families, the Church, Education, Business, Military, Government, Arts, Entertainment and Media as it is in heaven. We prayerfully commit to "Glorify God Among the Nations, Seeking Him in All Generations." In Jesus' name, Amen!

As we change our lives, only God knows the impact it will have on others and our nation.

*In Jesus name,
Pastor Gary*

July 1

**Happy Birthday
Pastor Gary!
BINGO meeting
6:30pm**

July 4

**Happy 250th
Birthday America**

***Remember..
No Council, Music
or Christian Ed
meetings this
month.**

July 5

**Sharing Table
begins**

August 15

Rummage Sale

August 23

**Church Picnic
11-4pm**

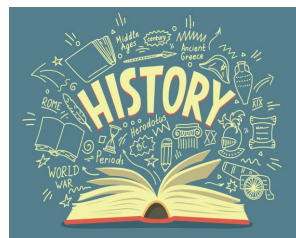


Pastor Gary Walbert	7/1
Rita Ruzicka	7/3
Jill Hahn	7/5
Charles Druckenmiller	7/6
Kayla James	7/6
Linda Siekonic	7/7
Linda Lambert	7/8
Lorraine Einfalt	7/12
Brian Panasik	7/12
Morry Pulley	7/16
Chad Weiner	7/16
Mary Grow	7/18
Louis Schwarz	7/21
Richard Fehr	7/22
Donna Pavlick	7/24
Shelly Dorn	7/27
Amanda Dungan	7/27
Manuela Tufano	7/27
Bernice Lilly 97!!!	7/29
Kayden LaBarre	7/30

Rich & Linda Siekonic	7/3	27yrs.
LeRoy & Jean Bealer	7/11	62yrs.
Willard & Ruth Frack	7/12	57yrs.
Chris & Adrienne Holub	7/24	22yrs.
James & Donna Williams	7/30	39yrs.
Greg & Pamela Reimer	7/31	22yrs.



Congratulations to Pastor Gary on his work anniversary with GSLC. 12yrs.



July 4, 2026, will be the 200th anniversary of the deaths of two founding fathers and U.S. Presidents—John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. Remarkably, both men died on the exact same day in 1826: the 50th anniversary of the Declaration.

A businessman ordered flowers to be sent to the opening of his friend’s new branch office. When the businessman got there, he was shocked to see the flowers with the inscription. “Rest In Peace.” He was so outraged that he stopped at the florist to complain. “It could be worse,” the florist said, “Just think: Today someone was buried beneath a floral arrangement with the inscription. ‘Congratulations on Your New Location!’ ”

SENIOR'S Prom

Tale AS old AS time



The 3rd Annual Seniors Prom was held on June 13th. The theme this year was A Tale as Old As Time celebrating how our married couples met. We had a wonderful time eating, enjoying the fellowship with our friends and listening to music. There was even a little dancing. Past Kings and Queens attended and we elected a new King, Rich Holub and Queen Carole Holub.

Many thanks to the Bogden family for all their efforts to make this a wonderful evening. we also thank everyone who helped make this a success.





Every year Good Shepherd offers a Sharing Table. We share items from our gardens with each other and the community. This years weather has not been cooperating. Unseasonal cold temps with frost and also limited rain have left us unsure of what we will have to offer. But we are a hardy group and I am sure that there will be somethings available. The Sharing Table will be located in the narthex. As your crops of homegrown vegetables start to produce, please consider sharing them with the congregation. Flowers are always a welcome addition too. Proceeds will benefit the Northampton Area Food Bank and World Hunger (ELCA). ~Social Ministry

President's Corner

My country, 'tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty, Of thee I sing.... Patriotic songs I remember singing in George Wolf Elementary and in Boy Scout Troop 40 at meetings and Summer Camp are rarely heard anymore. Ask your children or grandchildren if they sing them. Why not? A Scout is Reverent is the 12th point of the Scout Law and the Oath has Duty To God as the first promise. Our great country is celebrating 250 years young compared to the majority of other countries. What makes the Good' Olé USA so special? In God We Trust. A nation founded on unalienable human rights given only by God and freedom to worship as you choose, or not, is unique and fragile. 250 years is long for you and me, but short in history, so it takes all of us Americans to keep the Biblical principles true in our country's laws. Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Following Jesus' teaching as Americans can lighten our burdens, so we can help those under the burden of oppressive governments around the world. We know it's not easy and not one human alone can do it, so we need to teach our country to know God and share peace. Julia Ward Howe's poem as the Battle Hymn of the Republic so eloquently inspires us to this day; "He has sounded from the trumpet that shall never call retreat, He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment-seat, Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! Be jubilant, my feet! Our God is marching on."

God Bless America, my home sweet home.

Yours in Christ,
Mark Weaver

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PASTORAL ACTS

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 242 items for the month of June. The Northampton Food Bank benefits so many people. Even the smallest donation of non-perishable items helps. Remember when you are shopping to pick up that extra item and drop it off in the narthex.

Good Shepherd always makes a BIG mark for a small church and the NAFB appreciates every item, so thanks for all you do.



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!



Wishing a speedy recovery to Lorie Gaugler who broke her ankle. Sending prayers and healing vibes. Hope to see you soon.

Knee High by the Fourth of July:

A 19th-century American farm proverb dictating that a healthy corn crop should reach knee height by Independence Day to ensure a good harvest.



We are on the homestretch for our school bags. We are looking to finish up the final few.

If you would like to help sew these tote bags please contact Barb Wiemann at 610-262-6977 for more info. It's a simple sewing project.

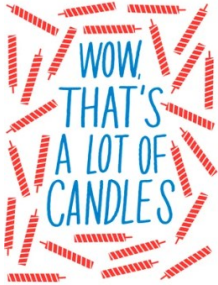
This is a yearly project that has a huge impact with Lutheran World Relief School Kit mission to provide children that have been impacted by war and natural disasters to attend school with the supplies they need.

2025 Financial breakdown for July
 Amount needed weekly to meet budget = \$ 3,334.00

Date	Weekly offering	Memorial	Building repair
5/3	\$3177.50		\$465.00
5/10	\$2918.00		\$105.00
5/17	\$2807.50		
5/24	\$1479.50		\$10.00
5/31	\$1854.50		\$55.00



Just a note of extra birthday wishes to Pastor Gary Walbert!



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church wants to extend our heartfelt CONGRATULATIONS to all of the graduates of the Class of 2025. Way to go!!



Congratulations to Makayla Baransky who graduated from Penn State-Berks Campus with honors. She achieved a degree in Elementary Education. She will be working as a 4th grade teacher at Blue Mountain Elementary School West in Schuylkill Haven, PA.



Congrats to Ryan Crossan who graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in Business Administration and Pre Law. Wishing him all the best. Go Gators!



JULY REMINDER...
There will be NO council meeting for the month of July. Also Worship and Music and Christian Education meetings have been given the month off.

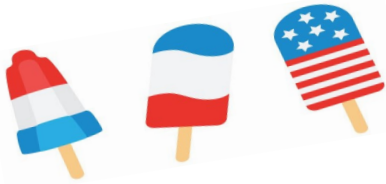


July 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Happy Birthday Pastor! Bingo Meeting 6:30pm	2	3 Office Closed!	4 * Happy Birthday *  * AMERICA * 250th Anniversary
5 Worship 9am	6 No Worship & Music	7 No Christian Ed	8	9	10	11
12 Worship 9am	13 No Council Mtg. this month.	14	15	16	17	18
19 Worship 9am	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Worship 9am	27	28	29	30	31	



Our Building & Grounds team are keeping all the maintenance in the church up to date. The parking lot lighting was adjusted to accommodate the neighbor. The UV light on the water system which is replaced yearly was handled. Thanks for all you do!



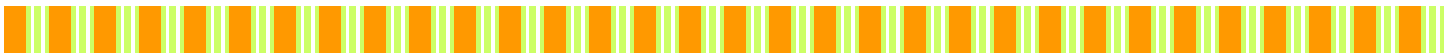


Historic Times Square Drop: For the first time ever, the Times Square Ball will drop in New York City on July 3, 2026, to anchor the nationwide Independence Day countdown.



Join us for a time of great food and even better company! Bring your favorite covered dish or just yourself for GSLC Church Picnic.

Our picnic this year will be held on Sunday, August 23rd from 11-4pm. Remember there will be lots of food so come hungry and of course there will be the ever popular Cornhole Tournament and Bingo for the Non-Cornhole players. Mark your calendar. Sign up sheets will be on the bulletin board in the narthex or contact the church office to reserve your spot.



Good Shepherd Indoor Rummage Sale Saturday, August 15, 2026 9:00-2:00pm

It's back! This ever popular event will be rain or shine. It will be held in the fellowship hall and there will be lots of items to choose from. Something for everyone. We will be **accepting donations** of items in **GOOD** condition **thru the August 3rd only**. **No clothing please**. Please call the church during office hours of 9-2pm, Monday-Friday (610-262-9517) to drop off your donations. If you have any boxes we are accepting them to get things organized prior to the sale. We are also looking for volunteers! Please join us. Questions???

Please call Marge 610-262-8328.

We are looking for volunteers for the upcoming Basket Social. It will be a 2 day event! This is always a great event for fundraising and we need donations of baskets as well as people to work the days of the event. It is scheduled for October 16 & 17. Please contact Leanne Krill for more information @leannemkrill@gmail.com (make sure to reference Basket Social in the subject line)

