

The Shepherd's Staff

November 2022

From the Pastor:



Brothers and Sisters in Jesus,

All Saint's Sunday is one of the high Sunday's of the church year. It is on this Sunday that we remember all our loved ones who have gone home to be with Jesus. It is a time we remember how they touched our lives and the lives of those around them. We always start the service with the great hymn , "For All The Saint's" It was written by William Walsham for All Saints Sunday. As the basis for this great hymn , he used the verse from Hebrews that I love to quote on this Sunday. In Hebrews 12:1," Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin that clings so closely, let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us." It was a few days after Christmas, in 1976, and I was attending the funeral of the wife of Rev. Philip Miller at St. Pauls in Catasauqua. It was an evening, and the church was packed. She was well loved, and many Pastor's were in attendance. The organist played, " For All The Saints" and stopped after a few verses, and everyone kept singing. It was a powerful moment! Maybe this is what heaven was like when our loved ones arrived. And then as we hear in Revelation 7:17, " God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

On this most holy day, come and celebrate with us as we remember all those who have joined Jesus in his Heavenly Home.

In Jesus' Name,

Pastor Gary

A message from Pastor Gary...

Your donation of household items can help the church and declutter your home! Our fundraising team is organizing a wonderful Holiday Shoppe (indoor yard sale) and basket raffle! We are very excited to host this event! **We need your donations** for the indoor yard sale. I ask you, please consider while preparing your home for the upcoming holiday season, please gather items that no longer serve you or your family, and consider donating them to this wonderful event. All items will be sold at the indoor yard sale and profit the church. After all... **Your trash is another's treasure!**

Planning Ahead...

November 2
All Saints Sunday

November 5
Girl Scout clothing swap
(Fellowship Hall)

November 13
Veterans Day Service
Poinsettia sale begins

November 20
Advent
Intergenerational Sunday school
Wreath making

November 24
Thanksgiving

November 27
First Sunday of Advent

November 30
Poinsettia sale ends

December 4
Advent Congregational Meeting

December 10
Holiday Shoppe and Raffle



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Happy Anniversary...

Dan & Jennifer Seitter	11/4
Ron & Kimberly Sandt	11/5
Jeffrey & Brenda Liebert	11/9
John & Sharon Enstrom	11/11
Glenn & Suzanne Tyler	11/14
Randy & Jolynn Claroni	11/18
Nicole & Jason Bogden	11/20
Paul & Diana Kratzer	11/28



Happy Birthday...

Ben Bogden	11/1
Bryanna Bogden	11/1
Glenn Tyler	11/3
Sandy Sensinger	11/10
Marge Leith	11/13
Irene Grow	11/14
Marion Newhard	11/18
Elizabeth Flynn	11/22
Richard Holub	11/22
Wendy Panasik	11/23
Denise Schmall	11/23
David Stimmel	11/23
Paul Kratzer	11/24
Dan Seitter	11/26
Randy Borda	11/28



NOVEMBER

The changing of the seasons.

The coming of winter.

The calendar year ending.

The church year beginning.

We remember the saints as November begins.

We give thanks and we remember that Jesus has called us all to be saints.

November gives us

that day of gratitude.

When we welcome friends and family to the table.

When we remember who first fed us at the table.

When we count our blessings and remember those whom we can bless.

November ends with Christ as King.

That final Sunday of the church year when we proclaim the greatness of Christ.

When we reflect on where we've been this year and where we're going.

When we remember that Christ is the alpha and omega, the beginning and end.

And so we go throughout our days remembering.

We give thanks. We light candles.

We feed our friends and neighbors.

We pray. We sing. We worship.

We look to you, Lord, to guide our ways.

To *walk* with us. To *know* us. To *teach* us. To *inspire* us.

Guide our ways and point us to the light that never fades.

So that a dark, November night can be our healing and our balm.

Amen.

Kimberly Knowle-Zeller



President's Corner

Do you love this crisp chill of Autumn ?

Jack Frost is creeping upon us and soon we will be celebrating one of the Biggest Birthdays again. I'm sure everyone is feeling the pinch of all the price increases. We here at the church are also. I would just like to send out a reminder to continue your monthly giving as best as you can. This time of the year is all about feeling thankful, not just for all that we are given, but also for all that we are able to give. And not just to the church , but to our families, our jobs and ourselves. Remember to love each other and be kind to each other just as Jesus has taught us.

P.S. I include in every newsletter my contact information, this would be the best way to get in contact with me, if there is anything I can help with, or answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

God Bless,
Nicole Bogden
Church Council
President
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Cell # 484-241-1275



OUTREACH

We would like to continue doing Movie nights or maybe even Movie Matinees. Please help us, if there are any movies that you would like to see or that you think others would like to see, let us know.

You can see any of our Outreach Committee members:

Benjamin Bogden	Karen Hahn	Mark Weaver
Diane Kramer	Nicole Bogden	

Thank You,
Outreach





POINSETTIA PLANTS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

\$8.00 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 30

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.

Christmas Ingathering 2022



The Annual Christmas Ingathering of the Northern Lehigh Valley Mission District will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2022 at Union Church in Schnecksville. The coordinators are planning on conducting In-Gathering in the same manner that it was conducted Pre-Covid however the date is tentative and the procedure may differ in the event of a Covid spike.

Our Church's Social Ministry Committee is once again playing an active part in this ministry, and we are turning to you for your kind and generosity to provide the gifts needed for this Christian Ministry.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is responsible for the following:

- 2 - \$25.00 Gifts for Kids Peace

- \$20.00 for a special cause that this year will be The Cay Galgon Life House

- Mittens, hats and scarves for men, women, and children of all ages

- Wrapping paper, ribbon and bows

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

Gracedale Nursing Home, Sayre Center, The Allentown Rescue Mission, and Ripple Community Center.

The "wish list" that follows has been requested by those facilities listed previously. The donation box will be available beginning in November in the Narthex.

The Social Ministry Committee thanks you in advance for your support and we appreciate the support that you have traditionally extended to this project.



Annual Advent Congregational Meeting will

be after service on December 4th in the church.

The Church Council is requesting all confirmed members of

Good Shepherd attend this meeting. This meeting we have

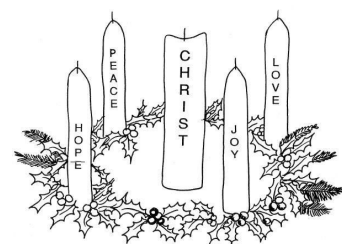
an item up for discussion that will need to have a vote taken upon the next Congregational meeting in Spring. And we will also be accepting Council Members. We are asking that anyone who would like to join the Council please let Pastor or Nicole know.

Intergenerational Sunday School

Christian Education would like to invite everyone to join us on Sunday, November 20th in the Fellowship hall at 10:15 AM during Sunday school.

You will be learning about the Advent wreath and candles. You will be making a wreath to use during the Advent season. Refreshments will be served.

During this special class, Adults and Children come together for wreath making while discussing what the season of Advent means for us. This will open our eyes to multiple perspectives between generations.



November Worship Assistant Schedule

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Pouring Chalice	Acolytes
November 6	Chris Holub	Nicole Bogden	Linda Siekonik & Diane Hausman	Cody Reimer
November 13	Jessica Kirkpatrick	Linda Siekonik	Mark Weaver	Ava Talbot
November 20	Mark Weaver	Jen Burrell	Gail Loch	William Burrell
November 27	Ben Bogden	Lorie Filipovits	LeAnne Krill	Alexa Wiland

Date	Ushers	If you cannot keep your scheduled time, please arrange for someone to fill in.
November 6	Ed Filipovits, Dave Hausman, Jessica Kirkpatrick, Doug Yelles	
November 13	Roseann Yelles, Allison Quartararo, Dave Hausman, Dean Yelles	
November 20	Ed Filipovits, Dean Yelles, Roseann Yelles, Charles Burrell	
November 27	Allison Quartararo, Doug Yelles, Dan Pavlick, Jessica Kirkpatrick	



Above: Mark & Chrissy Weaver enjoying the fire and below: The Pavlick family enjoying the hayride and corn maze day with GSLC.



2nd ANNUAL NOR-BATH GIRL SCOUT CLOTHING SWAP



ALL GENDERS AND SIZES
OF GENTLY USED, AND
STAIN FREE DONATIONS
ACCEPTED
**(PLEASE NO
UNDERGARMENTS)**

Clean out your closet and freshen up your wardrobe for the new school year!

Drop-off: Nov 5th 9am – 11am

Bring all gently worn clean clothing items to donate to the sale. Then come back to find new favorites!

Swap Shop: Nov 5th 12pm – 4pm

- o Noon to 3pm- All items \$1 each (CASH ONLY)
- o 3pm – 4pm- CLEARANCE: Everything must go, FREE!!

WHERE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (lower level)
1335 Old Carriage Rd, Northampton, PA 18067

Bring a bag for all your great finds!

All clothing left over will be donated to Purple Heart



PASTORAL ACTS



The Northampton Food Bank would like to Thank The congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for the generous donations of food and monetary donation in October, as well as donations given as part of the Harvest Home Service.

Thank you very much!



Memorial gifts received in the month of October

In memory of Dolores Hoppes, given by

Jayne Miller

Deanne Fenstermacher

Florence A. Edelman

Debra and Cody Stoudt

Marlene Newhart

Glen & Rosemary Engler

Monica Anthony

Dorothy Clauser



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!



Pastor Gary and JoJo sharing a moment at the Blessing of the Animals on October 9th here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church!

Mary Dennis would like to extend her appreciation for all the prayers, cards, and warm wishes during her surgery and recovery. She is excited to be back amongst the congregation soon!

THANK YOU...

Thank you to Ruth Frack for replacing the fabric and lining on our "Luther Rose" banner. The blue fabric that she chose really enhances the design.

Thank you to Dan Pavlick for creating and installing a banner hanger behind the ambo to display special banners and for making dowels to hang our banners.

2022 Financial breakdown for September

Amount needed weekly to meet budget = \$ 3101.00

Amount needed weekly to pay bills = \$2,781.00

date	attendance
September 2022	
September 4	58
September 11	49
September 18	118
September 25	57
total	282
average	70.5

Date	Weekly offering	Memorial	Building repair	Total weekly
September 4	\$2805.00		\$115.00	\$2920.00
September 11	\$2822.00		\$45.00	\$2867.00
September 18	\$4678.00			\$4678.00
September 25	\$2936.00			\$2936.00



Stewardship

November is a month of thankfulness. On all Saints Sunday, we remember those who have gone on before and we are grateful for the impact they had on our lives. On Thanksgiving Day, we are supposed to remember all the blessings we have received in the past year. Our stewardship is our gratefulness for what God has done in our lives. We show this in 3 ways; Time, Talent and Treasure. We try and help Good Shepherd out through the time we can give in

different areas around the church. This shows off our talent which we can use to help.

Finally, the church relies financially on what we can contribute. Not all of us can contribute in any of those 3 ways because of the variety of life situations; we might not have much time to volunteer; feel we don't have much talent to offer or would like to give more but COVID has created financial problems in our lives. All we can do is the best we can. I must be honest with you, we are struggling this year to make ends meet. We are no different than many of you and many other churches that are struggling too. As of September 30, we are \$17,600 in the red. I am not writing this for you to give more. All I'm asking is that you be consistent in your giving. We are doing the best we can. My goal is to keep you aware.

HOLIDAY VARIETY SHOPPE
INDOOR YARD SALE / BASKET RAFFLE / COOKIES AND MORE BAKE SALE
December 10, 2022 9:00am – 2:00pm

Please support the Fund Raising Committee in bringing back the Holiday Variety Shoppe, the Shepherd's version of an indoor yard sale, to Good Shepherd! Do your shopping in our social hall for lots of new and gently used Christmas items, take a chance on one of our beautiful theme gift baskets, and then purchase some individually wrapped cookies and freshly baked goodies to enjoy with family and friends!

Thank you to everyone who has already helped us fill our baskets, completed and donated their own baskets or have given us grocery store, restaurant or retail store gift cards to raffle. We will be accepting any and all of these items UP TO AND INCLUDING NOVEMBER 13. Drawing of the raffle tickets will start immediately after 2:00pm, and you need not be present to win. Also look for baskets to be displayed and tickets sold in the Narthex on November 27 and December 4.

Continue to bring your new or gently used items – EXCEPT CLOTHING – for our indoor yard sale. They can be brought after worship on Sundays or to Jennifer in the office Monday through Thursday. The deadline to accept yard sale items is SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, and any unsold items will be available for the congregation to peruse after worship on December 11.

This year's tithe of 10% of the proceeds will go to the "Jess Fin Foundation" (JessFinFoundation.org) which was established to raise funds for brain tumor research. Jessica Finlayson was an 8th grade Math teacher and well-loved Varsity Volleyball coach for Northampton High School who passed away at the age of 28 from malignant brain cancer, which unfortunately has no cure at present.

Look for signup sheets on the bulletin board in the near future, as we will need lots of help to help make this a huge success!




Cookies And More Bake Sale!

The Good Shepherd Cookie Sale is returning on December 10 at 9 AM with some new twists! It will be held at the same time as the Basket Raffle and Indoor Yard Sale. So, dust off those cookie and special dessert recipes and plan to bake a batch or two of your favorite treats. We need many varieties from all of our congregation members to make the sale a success!

Due to COVID concerns, we will be organizing our bake sale a little differently than in previous years. Each shopper will be given a box as in past years. However, the cookies will be pre-packaged in baggies containing a quarter pound in each bag, and the other desserts will also be pre-bagged. The baggies will be displayed on tables and shoppers may select the bags 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. Shoppers will know how much they are spending since each bag is pre-weighed or pre-marked.

The committee will be accepting donations on Thursday December 8, Friday December 9 (times will be announced), and Saturday before the sale. If you have any questions, contact LeAnne Krill or Barb Wiemann.

November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Choir practice 7:00pm	4 Office closed	5
6 9:00AM WORSHIP All Saint's Sunday Sunday school	7 Worship & Music 7:00pm	8 Christian Ed 7:00pm	9 COUNCIL REPORTS DUE	10 Choir practice 7:00pm	11 Office closed	12
13 9:00AM WORSHIP Veterans Day Service Sunday school Last day for basket items Food Bank Sunday Poinsettia sale begins	14 Council Meeting Girl Scouts 6:30pm Poinsettia sale starts	15 CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM BOY SCOUTS 7PM	16 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	17 Choir practice 7:00pm	18 Office closed	19
20 9:00AM Worship Intergenerational Sunday school / Advent Wreath making In Touch	21 Girl Scouts 6:30pm	22 CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM BOY SCOUTS 7PM	23	24 Happy Thanksgiving! Office closed	25 Office closed	26
27 9:00AM WORSHIP Sunday school	28 Girl Scouts 6:30pm	29 CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM BOY SCOUTS 7PM	30			



ARE YOU HOSTING AN EVENT?

**OUR FELLOWSHIP HALL & PAVILION ARE THE PERFECT PLACE
TO HOLD YOUR EVENT !
PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR DATE!**