



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus,

This year on October 31st, yes, Halloween, we celebrate the 509th anniversary of the Reformation. On Sunday, October 25th, we celebrate Reformation Sunday. Through the years, Lutheran Churches have seen this as a celebration of our independence from the Catholic Church. Many pastors have used their sermons to bash the Catholic Church, saying we are the true church. Funny, the Roman Catholic Church believes the same thing.

So why the Reformation? Martin Luther felt the church was keeping the Bible away from the common people. Many of the priests couldn't read well enough to understand it themselves. So Luther translated the Bible into German. There are many other points of debate that were listed in the 95 Theses.

The one many of us know of is the Indulgences. An indulgence is a way to reduce the temporal punishment due to sins that have or have not been forgiven. Luther preached when our sins are forgiven we are washed clean and our sins forgotten. We don't need a paper to prove it. During the Middle Ages Pope Leo X authorized the sale of the indulgences to fund the rebuilding of St. Peter's Basilica and clear church debts. Luther stated we can not buy our way into Heaven. We get to Heaven by our faith of accepting Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Our life is then lived out by our faith not doing good deeds to get brownie points because of our faith.

Let us celebrate Reformation Day as a renewal of our churches as we live our life daily.

*In His Hands,
Pastor Gary*



October 3

Movie Night Under
the Pavilion
Doors open at 6pm
feature "Sketch"

October 4

In Touch Sunday

October 5

Worship & Music
7pm

October 6

Christian Ed
7pm

October 11

Food Bank Sunday

Blessing of the
Animals 1-2pm

October 12

Council Meeting
6:30pm

October 16 & 17

Basket Auction &
Soup Sale
4-8pm Friday
9-2pm Saturday

October 18

Pumpkin Patch at
Unangst Farm 2pm

October 24

Halloween Dance
Party 6pm

October 25

Reformation Sunday
WEAR RED!



Adrienne Gaugler	10/01
David Laudenslager	10/01
Bonnie Schwartz	10/02
Linda Peters	10/06
Parker Dungan	10/07
Levi Fatzinger	10/09
Jean James	10/11
Linda Heimpel	10/15
Kara Klusaritz	10/15
Carole Holub	10/17
Judy Luckenbill	10/17
Sandra Newhard	10/23
Kathleen Januszewski	10/24
Louise Saylor	10/25
Lindsey Reimer	10/26
Marionette Mast	10/27
Amy Hower	10/28
David Burrell	10/30

Laurie & Lou Perna	10/5	30yrs.
Tori & Andrew Edelman	10/13	14yrs.
Brian & Denise Schmall	10/13	36yrs.
Maryann & Terry Edelman	10/14	48yrs.
Forrest & Brenda Koch	10/14	25yrs.
Emily & Giovanni Garcia	10/18	2yrs.
Blair & Amy Hower	10/19	41yrs.
Rick & Judy Fehr	10/23	33yrs.
Janice & David Andrew	10/26	20yrs.



Correction to last months anniversary list:
Barbara & Al Wiemann celebrated their **50th**
wedding anniversary! Hope it was happy!!



A pastor went to buy a used horse raised by a monk.

The monk explained, "He only responds to spiritual commands. To make him go, yell 'Praise the Lord!' To make him stop, yell 'Amen!'" The pastor climbed on and shouted, "Praise the Lord!" The horse took off into a smooth trot. Wanting to go faster, the pastor yelled, "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!"

The horse burst into a thundering gallop. Suddenly, the pastor noticed the road ended at a massive cliff. Panic hit. "Whoa! Stop!" he screamed. The horse kept sprinting. Just inches from the drop, the pastor remembered and shrieked, "AMEN!"

The horse slammed its hooves down, skidding to a halt right at the edge.

The pastor took a deep breath, wiped his brow, and sighed, "Whew... Praise the Lord!"

Employee Council
Redner's
WAREHOUSE MARKETS
SAVE-A-TAPE PROGRAM

Thank you to everyone who faithfully brings in their shopping receipts from Redner's. Special appreciation to Nicole & Bryanna Bogden for their efforts in entering all the receipts that were collected. GSLC received **\$478.06** so far for 2026. All we can say is keep them coming!!!



UPCOMING MEETING NOTICE

The Greenwood Cemetery Company of Howertown, PA invites all plot holders to its Annual Meeting to be held Monday, November 2, 2026 at 5pm. The meeting will be held at the Greenwood Cemetery office/garage.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy Harvest Time! This time of year, people tend to celebrate the wrong thing, Halloween. Farmers are harvesting their final crops before the frost. Animals are gathering food to prepare for the winter. Leaves of trees are changing colors as they prepare for a winter dormancy. True, not everyone likes the colder weather and dream of sunny beaches. God not only blesses us with the bounty of a harvest, but He also blesses us with the beauty and fascination of His creation - Nature. The blessings of a harvest is not just food or seeds, it is also the sharing of it with others. We see it in our Sharing Table, which had amazing amounts of beans, tomatoes, broccoli and more this year.

There are many other blessings that are harvested that we don't always think about that God gives us. We have so many volunteers who work tirelessly to keep Good Shepherd a clean, active, organized and open church that serves our community. The harvest of time and talents are blessings we should not overlook as we give thanks this Autumn. I encourage all of our congregation and those who read this newsletter to thank all of our volunteers for our Social Ministry, Christian Education, Music and Worship, Fundraising, Outreach, Property, Finance, Scouting and those I failed to list. Consider taking the time this Autumn to harvest your talents by volunteering your time to help Good Shepherd serve our neighbors and community.

Psalms 67:6-7. Our God has blessed the earth with a wonderful harvest! Pray for his blessings to continue and for everyone on earth to worship our God.

Yours in Christ,
Mark Weaver

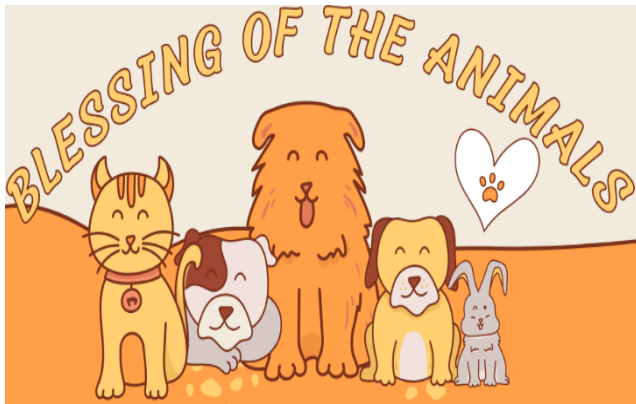
Basket Social & Soup Sale

**Friday, October 16 from 4PM-7PM and
Saturday, October 17 from 9Am- 2PM.**

We will be selling pints of soup, halupki and other food along with a Bake Sale. If you would like to donate soup and/or baked goods please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board at the church or contact LeAnne. directly. The soup and baked goods are needed on Friday, October 16 by 2PM. Thank you for your help. If you have any questions, please call LeAnne Krill at 610-262-02933.



PASTORAL ACTS



The Blessing of the Animals will be taking place under the portico on **Sunday, October 11th** from 1-2pm. Please bring your furry, feathered or scaly companions and Pastor Walbert will bless them. Please have pets leashed or in a secure carrier. Treats will be available. Spread the word to all of your friends or neighbors. All are welcome.

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!

Food Bank Sunday- Every 2nd Sunday of each month, please bring a canned good or nonperishable item to Sunday service to donate to the Northampton Area Food Bank.

Just a reminder:

Set your clocks back 1 hour!



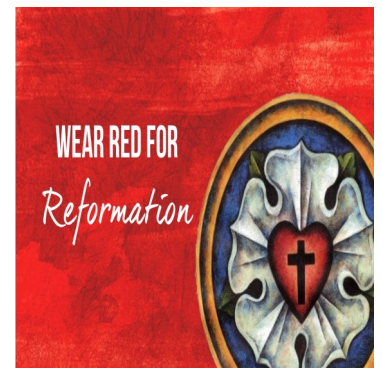
Daylight Savings Time ends when we fall back at 2 a.m. EST on Sunday, Nov. 1, 2026.

We want to make sure that you are on time for 9am



Harvest Home happened on September 20st. Good Shepherd always rises to the occasion of this special Sunday. We collected a total of **301** items. All of the fresh items were taken to Victory House and the remaining items were delivered to Northampton Area Food Bank. Blessings to everyone that donated and those that set up and packed up.

Please remember to join us on **Reformation Sunday on October 25th at 9am.** Please remember to wear **RED.**





DON'T BE AFRAID OF A GOOD TIME...JOIN US!

Join us on Saturday October 24th from 6-9pm.

Costumes are welcome but not necessary. DJ Ben will provide the dance music and of course there will be loads of treats. Make sure to practice all your "Thriller" dance moves.

You just might be the best pumpkin in the patch if you join us on October 18th at 2pm at Unangts Tree Farm at 7300 Bath Pike (Rt 512) in Bath. They offer a corn maze and pumpkin patch where you can purchase pumpkins. We will meet back at the church in the pavilion around 5pm for hot dogs and a campfire. Rain date: Oct. 25th



We are happy to report that our Gift Card Bingo Event on September 19th was a success. Everyone seemed to enjoy the afternoon and there were lots of happy winners! The Kitchen preformed at 100% and the Bake Sale had everyone taking something extra home for later. We earned \$3239.00. Thanks to everyone who attended the meetings and brought their hard work and vision to make it a nice fundraiser for September.

The good news is that we have another Bingo already in the works!! The next one is a CASH BINGO and tickets are \$25 and are available NOW. The date is set for Saturday, November 7th. Doors open 12:00pm and games begin at 1:30pm. Call the church office for tickets. 610-262-9517. We hope to see you there.



Our **Dine & Donate Team** has been hard at work. We want to report that we made \$100 with the Panera Bread event. These events are a nice supplement to fundraising. It's important that we all try to support them.

We have a new event scheduled at **PJ Whelihan's Pub & Restaurant** in Bethlehem for **Wednesday, October 14th**. **THIS IS AN ALL DAY EVENT! and includes Take Out too!** They offer amazing wings and really great burgers as well as many other items.

Please mark your calendars and join us. We receive 15% of all proceeds.

****Please pick up a flyer and make sure to take it with you.****

October 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Girl Scout Clothing Swap 11-3pm Movie Night Outside! 7pm
4 In Touch Worship 9am	5 Worship & Music 7pm	6 Christian Ed 7pm	7	8	9	10
11 Food Bank Blessing of the Animals 1-2 pm Worship 9am	12 Council Meeting 6:30 pm	13	14	15	16 BASKET RAFFLE & SOUP SALE 4-8pm	17 BASKET RAFFLE & SOUP SALE 9-2pm
18 Corn Maze at Unangst Tree Farm. Pick your own pumpkin. 2pm  Worship 9am	19	20	21	22	23	24 Halloween Dance Party 6-9pm
25 Reformation Sunday Please wear RED. *Rain date for pumpkin patch Worship 9am	26	27	28	29	30	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN. 

Only by trusting JESUS' life, death and resurrection has our PAST been forgiven, Our PRESENT given meaning, and our FUTURE secured.



????QUESTION OF THE MONTH????

Why is food starting with the letter "P" particularly pleasant to partake in?
Pasta, potato chips, pretzels, popcorn, pizza, peanut butter, pastrami, pickles, pancakes, pecan pie, pierogies, pulled pork...

Coming Soon...

December 12th Christmas Bazaar in conjunction with our Annual Cookie Sale.



Beginning November 1st thru November 30th, we will be accepting gently used or new Christmas items. Only Christmas items will be accepted. So when you start to go through your containers of Christmas to prepare to decorate your home and maybe there are some items you don't love anymore...bring them to Good Shepherd. Any question contact Marge Leith at 610-262-8328.

2026 Financial breakdown for October

Amount needed weekly to meet budget = \$ 3,334.00

Date	Weekly offering	Memorial	Building repair
8/2/2026	\$3102.50		\$235.00
8/9/2026	\$2517.85		\$10.00
8/16/2026	\$5197.50	\$2885.00	\$30.00
8/23/2026	\$1863.50	\$1010.00	\$65.00
8/30/2026	\$2206.50	\$200.00	-

Christmas Cookie Sale –December 12th



A note from LeAnne Krill: Attention All Bakers

I was given a donation to help cover the cost of items needed to make cookies. On November 8th, I will display the items in the nursery at the church. Please feel free to take items that you can use to help make cookies for our sale. Some of the items are butter, cream cheese, walnuts, cocoa, chocolate chips, apricot filling, raspberry filling and other items.

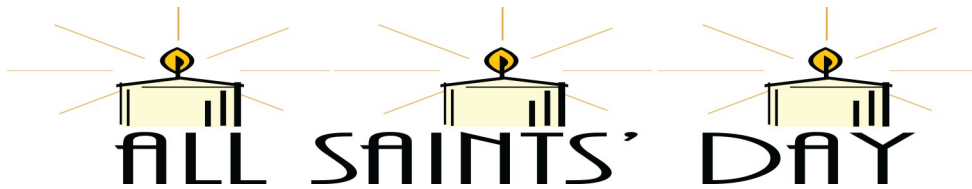
If there is anything special you would like please let me know. You can reach me at leannemkrill@gmail.com (please put cookie sale in the subject) or call me at 610-262-0293.



The Social Ministry Committee's Lutheran World Relief School Kit mission project was a great success, thanks to our entire congregation. We assembled 297 kits which will enable children who have been impacted by war and natural disasters to attend school. This is 58 more kits than last year!



Thank you to those who donated fabric for the school bags; to Jean Bealer, Dan Pavlick, and Roseann Yelles for sewing the bags; to everyone who donated school supplies, money to purchase supplies, and boxes to pack the kits; to Boy Scout Troop 40 for moving all of the kit components to the assembly room; to Ben Bogden, Bryanna Bogden, Nicole Bogden, Linda Burrows, Judy Fehr, Rick Fehr, Carole Holub, Jane Laudenslager, Gail Loch, Tina Miller, Donna Pavlick, Linda Peters, and Kathy Toth for efficiently assembling the kits; and to Thrivent for an Action Team Grant to support this mission project.



All Saints Celebration: November 1, 2026

Each year the church takes pause to celebrate the saints who have gone before us and now rest in paradise. This is a special time when we are able to remember those who have helped to form our lives and have been special to us. We are inviting you to share the name or names of loved one(s) to be remembered that day. Please use the form below and kindly place in the offering plate when completed or mail back to the office.

Full name of loved one (s)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Submitted by: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please note only the names given to us on the All Saints form will be included on the list.



Veterans Day Service, November 8, 2026

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

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____